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the Spurs captain,  
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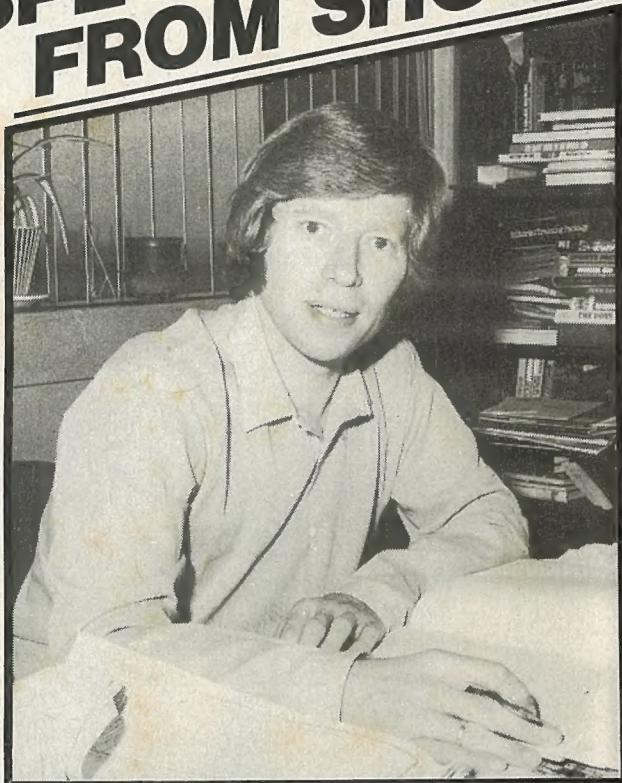
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# ANOTHER SPECIAL BONUS FROM SHOOT



THE 1979-80 season was one of the most exciting and sensational for many years.

Liverpool won the Championship for a record-breaking 12th time, just two points clear of a Manchester United side at last looking capable of recapturing some of their former glory...Nottingham Forest held on to the European Cup for the second season in succession after a dour, yet brave defensive battle against Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV...Second Division West Ham overcame the odds and mighty Arsenal to take the F.A. Cup at Wembley while...Aberdeen broke the 15 year Old Firm domination, including the old First Division, in Scotland to win the Premier Division title...Celtic beat Rangers in extra time to take the Scottish Cup...and Dundee United achieved their first major honour in the League Cup.

Congratulations, too, for Manager of the Year Bob Paisley...Footballer of the Year and English P.F.A. Player of the Year Terry McDermott...Scottish Footballer of the Year Gordon Strachan...P.F.A. award winner Steve Archibald...SHOOT'S Most Exciting English Player of the

Year Kenny Dalglish and Most Exciting Scottish Player of the Year Davie Provan.

On the international front praise for Northern Ireland, celebrating their Centenary year. New manager Billy Bingham guided them to the British Championship for the first time since 1913-14. Wales, too have made progress with a new boss, former Spurs star Mike England.

Scotland, rebuilding, have yet to make an impression at home and abroad. The new season will be the testing time for them and Jock Stein.

England went to Italy for European Championship action boosted by their juniors who won the Little World Cup in East Germany.

Although England failed to find success in Italy they weren't disgraced and can still look forward to the future with a great deal of hope.

Meantime sit back and enjoy this Summer Special produced by SHOOT'S winning team.

Happy reading...

EDITOR

*Who will win the First Division title? Who will go up, who will go down? A critical look at the crystal ball in forecasting the prospects for the 1980-81 season in the First and Second Divisions.*

# RAY WILKINS —the key to United's Championship Challenge

**I**t is a brave man who chooses to place a bet against Liverpool winning the First Division title for a record 13th time next season and the fifth time since the start of the Seventies.

Unfortunately, the cross the Northern club has to bear, albeit a pleasant one, is that winning trophies has become a formality rather than a rarity at Anfield and some of the glamour is lost in the process.

Climb Everest for the first time and the world rightly acclaims the achievement. Climb to the summit umpteen times and the coinage is devalued.

If Coventry or Norwich were to lift the First Division crown, their respective townships would celebrate the event for weeks.

Liverpool crack open the

victory champagne and once the bubbly has gone flat Manager Bob Paisley is planning his next trophy winning campaign with little time to reflect on past glories!

Winning has become a habit—and there appears to be few clubs capable of stealing the League title from the Champions in 1980-81.

It is difficult to envisage a Final Table reading other than: 1 Liverpool; 2 Manchester United; 3 Arsenal.

Liverpool's squad will be even more powerful than last season's. Their defence has been strengthened by the arrival of Richard Money from Fulham and David Fairclough's prospects of winning a regular first team place have been jeopardised by Bob Paisley's decision to spend £300,000 on Chester's highly talented striker Ian Rush.

The key to First Division success is clearly in possessing a talented first team squad of 15 or 16 players. Liverpool manipulate their squad so cleverly that the absence of three established first teamers like Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen and Alan Kennedy is hardly noticed.

How many First Division teams could afford to lose such players?

Only Manchester United have as much strength in depth as Liverpool, a factor which was largely responsible for their rousing challenge for the First Division crown last season.

Old Trafford supporters would argue vehemently that their team is the likely winner of next season's First Division. Only two points separated them from Liverpool at the end of last



Clive Allen



*Ray Wilkins—heading for another great season.*



*Alan Biley.*

season and their argument is that United are getting better, whereas Liverpool have reached a peak and can only get worse.

Ray Wilkins possibly holds the key to United's chances. He made a powerful contribution in his first season and according to his team-mate Sammy McIlroy is getting better with every game.

The Northern Ireland star likens Wilkins to Johnny Giles, the former Manchester United and Leeds star. Remember what he did for Leeds?

Ipswich, third last season after a stunning campaign, are likely to be overtaken by Arsenal this season. The Gunners, who finished fourth in a desperately disappointing season after reaching the threshold of success so much, are certain to mount another sustained challenge for honours.

The possible loss of Liam Brady has been partly compensated for by the £1½ million capture of Clive Allen, Q.P.R.'s England Under-21 striker.

A key to Arsenal's failure last season was shortage of goals, especially at home. Allen could change all that, adding the dash

and flair that has been sorely missing from Arsenal's forward line since the departure of Malcolm Macdonald.

He is likely to line-up alongside Frank Stapleton with Alan Sunderland playing wider on the right, the role he occupied when 'Supermac' played.

Clive Allen's 30 goals last season were his reward for some brilliant attacking football. He has much the same sharpness as Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock—and possesses the same eye for a goal.

An outside bet for the third place in the table could be a Kevin Keegan inspired Southampton. Nothing is beyond 'Mighty

Mouse'—and Keegan's appearance in the red and white Saints shirt is almost certain to help raise the performances of his colleagues, notably Steve Williams, Phil Boyer and Charlie George.

Perhaps Keegan's arrival at The Dell will give George the incentive to perform the same miracles he once produced at Highbury.

Tottenham could also maintain the progress they showed last season. Then, they relied heavily on Osvaldo Ardiles and Glenn Hoddle, but their Manager Keith Burkinshaw has strengthened the squad in the summer.

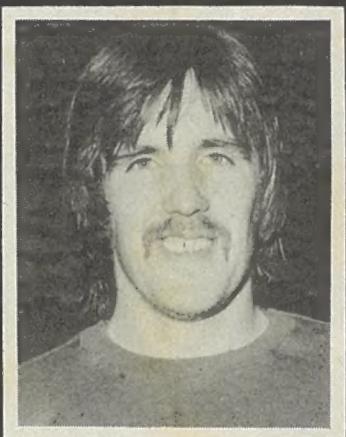
Steve Archibald should help provide the goals which have been sorely missing from Tottenham's performances in recent seasons. Captured from Aberdeen for almost £1 million, he scored 12 goals in Scotland last season.

He will find fewer opportunities in the First Division but Burkinshaw is convinced the Scot has the ability to turn the approach work of Yorath, Hoddle, Ardiles and Villa into goals.

Brighton, Stoke and Norwich could well struggle to survive another season in the First Division. Alan Mullery is clearly delighted at securing the services of Gordon Smith from Rangers at £200,000 but the rather one-paced Scottish midfield player will not find it easy in a more combative and demanding First Division.

Leicester, Sunderland and Birmingham should all consolidate but none of the newly promoted clubs has the strength or organisation to launch an immediate challenge for the title.

Sheffield Wednesday could well be the surprise package in the Second Division. It has taken Jack Charlton some time to guide them to promotion from the Third (never an easy Division to escape) but now they have finally arrived



*Phil Parkes.*

their traditions, support on the terraces, and Big Jack's know how could surprise their rivals.

Otherwise, Luton, Newcastle, West Ham, Swansea and Derby County seem set to compete for the top three places.

Derby, inspired by former Cambridge striker Alan Biley, were in superb form at the end of last season. It failed to save them from the drop but must have encouraged Colin Addison, their Manager, after a disappointing start to his regime at the Baseball Ground.

West Ham know they can beat the best teams in the country after their superb F.A. Cup campaign in 1979-80. Their problem has been the failure to maintain consistency.

Ray Stewart has done much to stabilise their defence but perhaps Phil Parkes should inherit most of the kudos for plugging the holes which have existed since Bobby Moore's departure.

The East London club's poor home record cost them promotion last season yet, potentially, they have one of the most vociferous crowds in the country.

The Second Division's Final Table could read: 1 Derby; 2 Newcastle; 3 West Ham/Sheffield Wednesday/Swansea.

Relegation candidates? Notts County, Orient, and Bristol Rovers.



Above: Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson volleys the ball past Bristol City defender Allan Hay to score his side's second goal in their League Cup Fourth Round replay. Below: Kenny Dalglish shoots past Arsenal's Pat Jennings to score Liverpool's equalising goal in their FA Cup Semi-Final second replay at Villa Park.





Above: Celtic's George McCluskey celebrates his goal against Real Madrid in the European Cup. Left: Stuart Pearson on target for West Ham against Everton in their FA Cup Semi-Final tie at Villa Park. Below: Kevin Keegan watches his brilliant chip shot beat Eire's defence at Wembley.



# GREAT GOALS OF THE SEASON

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# Great news for Dundee United~



## NO STAR TREK FOR NAREY

THIS time last year David Narey was being tipped as the next Scottish international to join the star trek and cross the border to England in another big money move...

Happily for Dundee United fans, football is a game full of surprises and after a fair bit of speculation with Narey's name being linked with Spurs and Aston Villa, among others, the back-four player decided to sign a long term contract and stay with the Tannadice club.

One team-mate who obviously welcomed that news must have been Willie Pettigrew who was a Motherwell player last year when SHOOT asked him to name the defender he most admired.

"David Narey," he answered without hesitation. "It's difficult to find a weakness in his play. He's good in the air, mobile on the ground and decisive in the tackle.

"In fact, I voted for him in the Scottish Professional Footballers' Player of the Year poll."

That particular honour eventually went to Narey's Tannadice colleague Paul Hegarty and now Pettigrew is a friend rather than a foe of this formidable defensive double-act.

"I prefer it this way," jokes Pettigrew. "I never looked forward to playing against either Paul or David. They really make you work hard for anything you get against them. They really are an ideal partnership."

Narey is a quiet man of soccer who much prefers to let his football on the pitch do the talking for him. He is a manager's dream, trains hard and shuns the bright lights.

"I'm a professional footballer and to do my job I must be 100 per cent fit," says Narey. "Anything less and I wouldn't be giving value for money."

Narey's attitude could come straight out of Anfield, home of Liverpool. He plays his football to win and he is a young man who really accepts responsibility and a challenge.

He received his first major Cup award last season when he helped guide United to their

astonishing 3-0 League Cup Final replay victory over Aberdeen. Narey didn't put a foot wrong in defence that evening against The Dons who were clear favourites before the game.

When you watch Narey in action it is all too easy to forget he



Willie Pettigrew (above) is a great Narey fan.

is still only a youngster—22—because he plays with the authority and calm of a veteran.

"He strolls through some games," says Pettigrew. "You don't see him getting flustered when the pressure is on and that is surely the sign of a quality defender.

"David just goes about his job with a dedicated approach and is always there to offer encouragement to other colleagues. He's a great man to have in your team."

It was a lucky day for Scottish football and Dundee United fans in particular when Jim McLean persuaded Narey to sign his lucrative long term contract.

Too often precious gems have been plucked from Scotland to be added to the English soccer crown. David Narey is the one that got away.

Not everyone is delighted, though. Rival attackers would probably be quite happy to see Narey take his expert defensive qualities elsewhere. Again that is one of the highest accolades an opponent can offer!

**B**IRMINGHAM City manager Jim Smith's sense of fair play normally means he won't praise individuals from his promotion winning side.

But mention the name Archie Gemmill—and the response is warm and automatic.

Who can blame him? Gemmill's gutsy leadership is one of the major reasons Birmingham emerged triumphant after the bitterest Division Two promotion dog fight in years.

Nottingham Forest fans still say Brian Clough was wrong to dispense with 32-year-old Gemmill's services so quickly after

their 1979 European Cup triumph. But Gemmill moved on, ending a string of success with Clough which started at Derby and flourished at Forest.

Smith paid £150,000 of the £1 million from the Trevor Francis deal and has proved he is still the best little midfield battler in the business.

Finished? Far from it. In fact, according to Smith, Gemmill is only just beginning.

Smith explained: "All along Archie has had something to prove. First people said he was too small for English football when he joined Preston from St. Mirren.



Jim Smith

takes to compete in the First Division.

"And even then he won't be finished. He wants to bring real success to Birmingham City. It's no wonder he's so aggressive and demanding on the field.

"He has helped bring us together. Helped the youngsters develop. He has helped me. His experience alone is worth the money I spent on him."

Naturally, Gemmill is totally dedicated to his new cause.

He said: "I know some people wrote me off when Brian Clough let me go. But I knew I was far from finished."

# GEMMILL IS JUST BEGINNING



Then the theory was that he couldn't compete in the First Division.

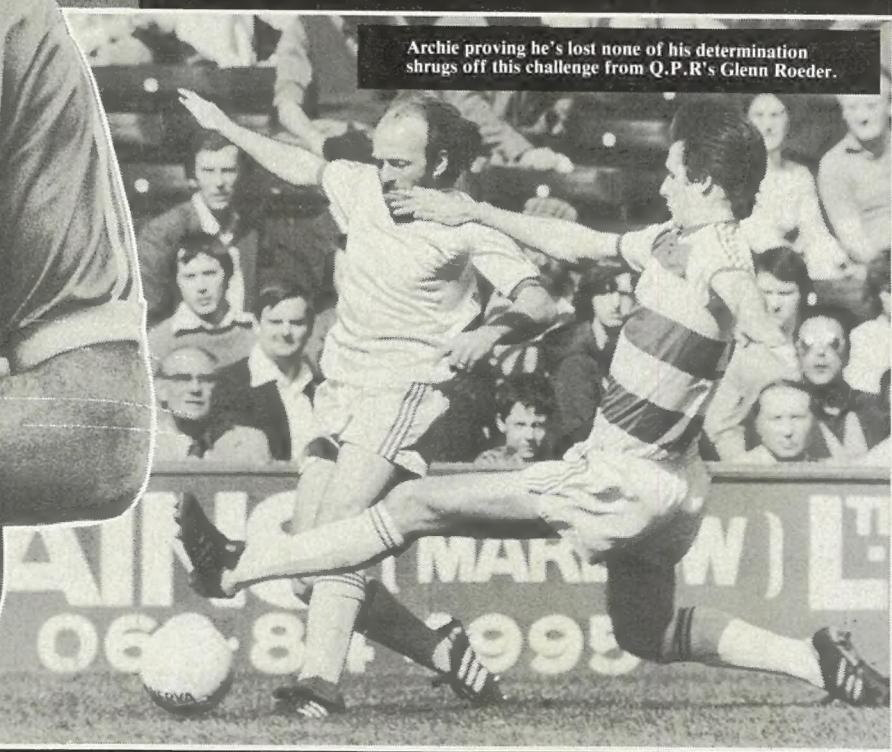
"When he joined us people reckoned he was over the hill. And of course Jock Stein has just publicly admitted how much he needs him again—by recalling him to the Scotland squad as captain.

"Now Archie is on another mission. He wants to show everybody he's still got what it

"I think I am playing as well as I have ever done. And I have certainly never given any thought to retiring—sooner or later.

"I like it at Birmingham. They have had a rough time and the fans are starving for success. It's marvellous to be involved so deeply.

"The spirit in the side is tremendous and I admire Jim Smith enormously. He alone deserves all the success going for his honesty."



Archie proving he's lost none of his determination shrugs off this challenge from Q.P.R's Glenn Roeder.

# GREENHOFF'S NIGHTMARE IS OVER



THEY used to say of Malcolm Macdonald that he wrote football fiction better than the boys own comics. Well, it maybe that he now has a successor.

Manchester United's Jimmy Greenhoff was told at the beginning of last season that he would never play football again.

But early in April it was Greenhoff that turned the First Division Championship race upside down with United's winner against Liverpool at Old Trafford.

After months of misery and heartbreak, the likeable Greenhoff was back, and didn't the famous Stretford End let us know it!

"I could feel them willing me to score throughout the game," says Greenhoff. It was real story-book stuff wasn't it? Better than Roy of the Rovers could have done it!"

United's 2-1 win kept the Championship race wide open. Two points for Liverpool would have all but sown it up for the Champions, who were looking to open an eight point gap.

Greenhoff's delight was certainly not shared in the Liverpool dressing room, who must now be sick of the sight of United's wily striker.

His last competitive goal before the troublesome pelvic injury that threatened his career was against Liverpool in the Semi-Finals of the 1978-79 F.A. Cup competition! It was also Greenhoff that won the trophy for United when they met Liverpool at Wembley in 1977.

But what about that remarkable comeback? How could the specialists be so wrong?

"When the boss, Dave Sexton, let the papers know early in the season I felt he was a little premature," says Greenhoff.

"I had been told that I would have to pack in, but I wanted a second opinion, and had not heard on that one when the phone started ringing.

"I had to tell the press to hang on. I wasn't finished yet. I suppose I had to clutch at straws, but by the time the news broke the injury was feeling so much better. I was expecting good news, and got it.

"Then it was just a question of starting out on a long road back to fitness. I never gave up because all the time I could feel an improvement."

Greenhoff, who put in hours of training alone in order to complete the comeback, was back in League action against Everton in early March. He came on as substitute in a goal-less draw replacing the impish Lou Macari.

## No Reaction

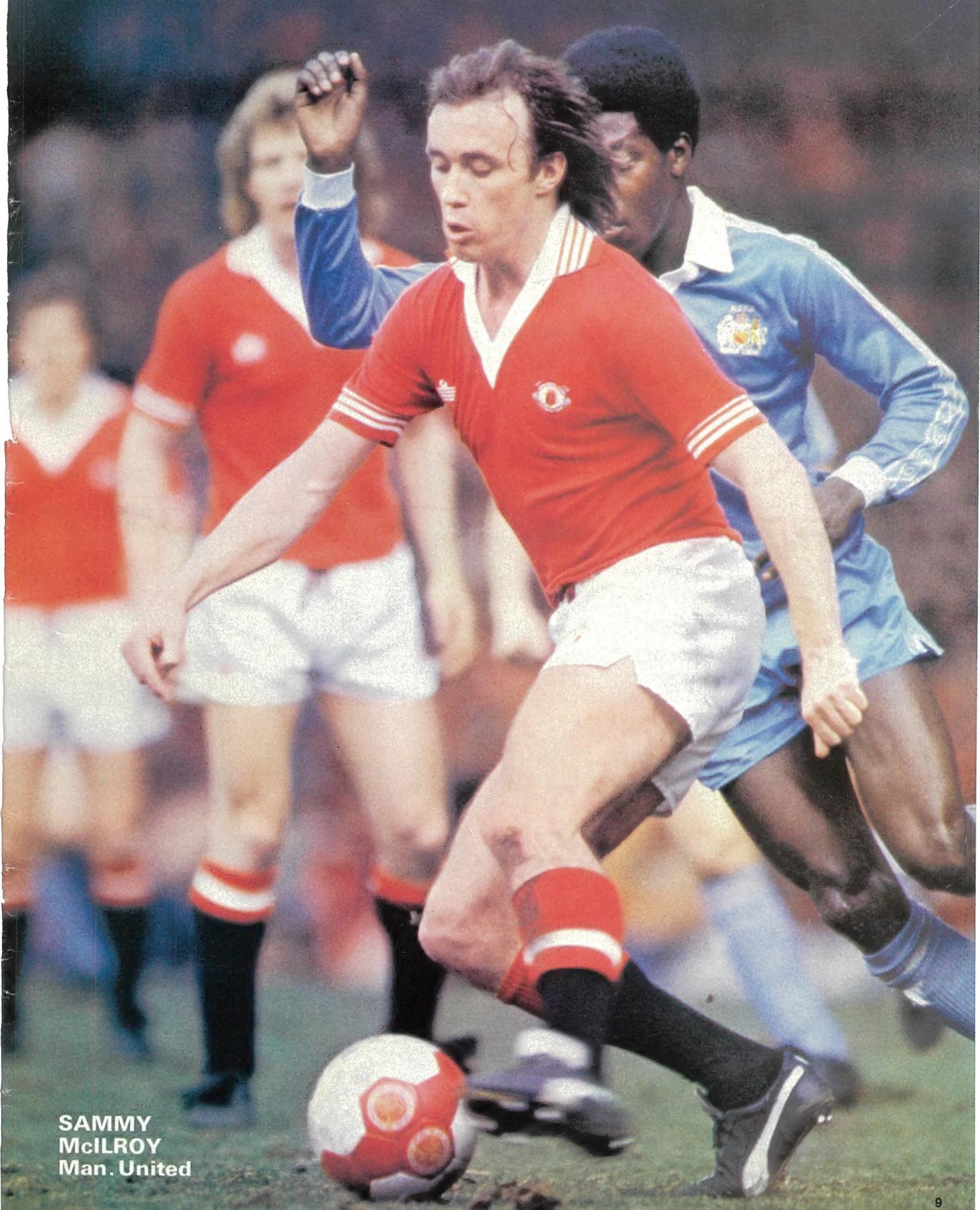
"I wanted to play in the derby game against City a fortnight later," revealed Greenhoff. "But the team was playing so well that I didn't really expect the boss to put me back in.

"But I felt good. I trained hard without any reaction. At this stage the injury was no longer causing problems.

"To play against Liverpool in that crucial title decider was the culmination of all the hard work. Although I must admit that I wanted the lads to get to Wembley and make a start there!"

And nobody at United is more pleased to see Greenhoff back than his manager, Dave Sexton: "I left the decision on whether Jimmy played to him. He never wants to let anybody down. If he doesn't think he can make it, he tells me. I knew he would be all right against Liverpool. He was so confident. I'm delighted for him."

Greenhoff is now certain the pelvic strain has gone and the nightmare is over. "When I finish now, it won't be because of the injury," he says.



**SAMMY  
McILROY**  
Man. United

# DRAMATIC DEBUTS

Who would emerge as the winner if a competition were to be devised to determine which current player is entitled to be considered to have made the most strikingly successful Football League debut of all?

A writer who keeps details on every conceivable point of fact on players and play tells us his mind turns immediately to a Portman Road Second Division match in which Ipswich Town were 4-2 winners against Portsmouth on March 25, 1967.

Three of the goals went to an 18-year-old who thereby gave himself a unique place in Soccer annals, for he remains to this day as the only player from overseas who ever hit a hat-trick on his first Football League appearance.

The name? Colin Viljoen, a Chelsea midfield performer nowadays, who enjoys another enviable distinction in the sense that, as a South African native, he ranks as the last "foreigner" to play for England in a full international match.

Another 18-year-old in Clive Allen, famous for his scoring exploits with Q.P.R. and his £1 million transfer to Arsenal, similarly helped himself to a hat-trick in his first full League match, which was against Coventry City, last April, but the feat can't really compare with Viljoen's story-book start since he had made four earlier substitute appearances.

But current Soccer is remarkable for the number of



Colin Viljoen — Chelsea.



Roger Davies — Derby.

players who made two-goal starts in their actual baptism in top-class

Soccer, and Joe Waters, the little lad from Limerick, who was

such an inspiring skipper in Grimsby Town's colourful achievements last season, takes a special place among them.

He couldn't have had a much more exacting first big match at top level, for it was an F.A. Cup sixth round away tie with Leicester City against Q.P.R. in March, 1974. City won by 2-0, and —yes, you've guessed right—Joe got both goals.

Then what about Roger Davies, whose first match in first-class company also was made on a cup occasion—a final tie at that. It was with Derby County against Airdrieonians in the Texaco Cup in April, 1972, and Roger was booked, scored, and was on the winning side!

Incidentally, he was the very last player to collect five goals in a Football League match. He scored the lot for Derby in a 5-0 rout of Luton Town in March, 1974.

Not one player in every thousand, on average, makes a start in big-time Soccer to compare with that of Tom Finney, a Cambridge United raider nowadays!

On the occasion of his full debut in the Football League he scored twice for Luton against Carlisle United, and when, moving to Sunderland, he was "blooded" in the international arena, he scored for Northern Ireland against Norway within three minutes of the kick-off!

It was so near to, yet so far from, a hat-trick debut for all these other current players: Ally Brown (West Brom.), Mike Elwiss (Palace), Austin Hayes (Southampton), Neil Whatmore (Bolton), Jeremy Charles (Swansea), and John Lathan (Mansfield). All began with two goals in their very first League match. Who'll be next?

## They battled against the odds ... AND WON!

It's one of Soccer's oldest truisms that a ten-men team can be more difficult to beat than a full-strength side, and that was strikingly borne out several times last season.

All the signs, indeed, are that when everything is done and dusted the season will prove to have been one of the most remarkable for years for the number of victories achieved against the odds by weakened teams.

It began when THIRD Division Southend United knocked out FIRST Division Bolton Wanderers—at Burnden Park, too—in the League Cup last August, and after they had had centre-half Dave Cusack sent off after 34 minutes at that!

Then what about Spurs' "miracle" feat in an away match against Leeds United on October 20? Goalkeeper Barry Daines, badly injured, went off for good after 14 minutes. Glenn Hoddle

replacing him, and when centre-half Paul Miller was ordered off (26 minutes) a hiding for Spurs looked a foregone conclusion, yet... they won 2-1!

Earlier that month Walsall had had Roy McDonough and Ian Paul both dismissed in a Fourth Division match at Lincoln, but instead of being "murdered", as all Soccer logic surely foretold, they fought a 2-2 draw!

What could be more inspiring than the sight of a side, battling against numerical odds, achieving a degree of success—in an away match, too—as all those did?

They were following something of a trend set in recent years, for such events haven't been as rare as may be imagined, and one of the most striking instances arose

in a match at Burnley in September, 1978, when Sunderland had both backs, Mike Henderson and Joe Bolton, sent off in the first 40 minutes, yet they were 2-1 victors!

Similarly Hartlepool won at Darlington in the previous match after full-back Derek Downing had been ordered to take an early bath after 42 minutes.

As remarkable a case of its kind, surely, as the game ever knew had developed on August 21, 1976, when Everton left-back David Jones was dismissed in an away match against Queens Park Rangers, who, instead of the handsome win they expected, were... slammed by 4-0!

Derby County got in on the act, also against Q.P.R. at Shepherd's Bush on Boxing Day in 1977, when

internationals Charlie George and Bruce Rioch both were ordered to "walk", yet the nine survivors held out to make it 0-0.

But you've got to hand it to Middlesbrough as the uncrowned kings of this kind of feat, for they're the only team in recent years to have TWICE won away from home after they had had players sent off.

At Norwich in August, 1968, they had had Eric McMordie and John Hickton both sent off with a half-hour still left, but they were 2-0 winners!

Then in an away match against Aston Villa in October, 1978, they had Billy Ashcroft sent off with 41 minutes still to go. Result: Villa 0, Middlesbrough 2!

What's the explanation for such a seemingly fantastic succession of freak results? Perhaps it's that the members of a team reduced in strength all realise that an extra special effort is needed from them.

# It all adds up to success for maths wizard

WHEN a player is given a free transfer by a Third Division club, it invariably signals the end of the soccer road. For Peter Suddaby, the 'free' handed to him by Blackpool last season meant the start of a new career in Division One with Brighton.

Peter's been around the League scene for quite a while, but mainly in Division Two and Three with The Tangerines. At 30, he had no right to expect he'd be playing at Anfield and Old Trafford, apart from the odd 'dream' Cup-tie.

Brighton manager Alan Mullery struggles for superlatives when speaking of Suddaby. "He may not be a big name," says the Seagulls boss, "But Peter does it for me week in, week out. I know I can rely on him to turn in a good performance."

For Suddaby, the First Division is a long way from the days of ten years ago when he wondered whether to make soccer his career or pursue an academic career.

He says: "I hadn't really thought too much about becoming a professional. Although I was born in England, most of my schooldays were in Wales and I spent three years at Swansea University. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics.

"I'd virtually decided that my future was as a teacher and I attended training college in Oxford for a year. During that spell I played as an amateur for Wycombe Wanderers in the Isthmian League.

"Wycombe are one of the top non-League clubs and scouts from the Football League are always at their games. I played for England as an amateur and I was obviously aware that I was under the spotlight.

Brian Lee, Wycombe's manager, kept me informed and told me Blackpool were interested. I signed for them as an amateur in the summer of 1970.

# PETER SUDDABY

and played a few games towards the end of 1970/71 when they were relegated from Division One.

"Looking back, I have no regrets apart, possibly, that I didn't join a League club a couple of years earlier. On the other hand, I am happy that I finished my education. University life taught me a lot and developed my character.

"I don't know what I'll do when I finish playing. At the moment I'm just happy to be back in the First Division."

Suddaby is just one of an ever-growing number of players who have been snapped up from non-League teams. Even his Brighton team-mate, Peter Ward, was bought from Burton Albion after being spotted by Peter Taylor during his spell at the Goldstone Ground.

The former Blackpool skipper was a major factor in Brighton establishing themselves in the First Division after a shaky start.

"We have enough good players to build on what we did last season," says Suddaby. "We'll all be a year more experienced and for many it was their first taste of Division One.

"The club think big and I'm delighted to be part of their success. I didn't think I'd ever play in the First Division again, but now I've been given this chance I mean to make the most of it."



(Answers on page 54)

## SHOOT'S COMPUTER PUZZLE

### STUART PEARSON

West Ham United

Programme this star striker by plugging the gaps in his career.

- 1 He won F.A. Cup Winners medals in — and —.
- 2 Has played for three clubs, —, Manchester United and West Ham.
- 3 Nicknamed — Pearson.
- 4 Has won — full England caps and one at Under-23 level.
- 5 Suffered a — injury which sidelined him for all but two games in his last season at Manchester United.
- 6 Scored — goal(s) for Manchester United in their 2-1 defeat of Liverpool in the 1977 F.A. Cup Final.

Computer performance rating: 6 Superb; 5 Excellent; 4 Knowledgeable;  
3 Good.



For the past 90-odd years, dating back to the 1880's, Newcastle United fans have hero-worshipped a long line of centre-forwards with all the fervour for which the "Geordie" supporters are famous. And to give lasting recognition to former goal-scoring stars of Tyneside, the Newcastle Sports Supporters Association have opened a special bar in their new £225,000 social club in Gallowgate.

The new bar will be known as the No. 9 Bar, in honour of top Newcastle strikers of the past, including Hughie Gallacher, Albert Stubbins, Jackie Milburn, Len White, Wyn Davies and Malcolm Macdonald, and framed photographs of them will adorn the walls. With the exception of

crowds on the terraces at Gallowgate were cheering an early idol in Glasgow-born Jock Peddie, who had been bought from Third Lanark—big, bustling and finishing off his dribbling runs with fierce shooting, Peddie netted 75 League goals for The Magpies before moving to Manchester United in 1902.

The next contender for centre-forward greatness at Gallowgate was 14 stone Billy Appleyard, who arrived at St. James' Park from Grimsby in April, 1903, and was an impressive spear-head in United's great Edwardian era.

Bill scored 70 goals in 127 appearances, won two Division One Championship medals, turned out in two losing F.A. Cup Finals for Newcastle, and always



Jack Allan scoring against Arsenal in the 1932 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

# Newcastle's

Gallacher, who died tragically in 1957, all these players attended the opening of the bar on June 9th.

And although the names of leading United goal-getters since the glorious days of Gallacher in the 1920's are well remembered by the St. James' faithful, the club's tradition for featuring colourful leaders of the attack can be traced much further back than that.

Indeed, as long ago as 1897, the

attempted to put the then unprotected goalkeeper in the net as well as the ball.

In November, 1908, The Magpies paid out the mammoth sum, in those days, of £850 for the transfer of Albert Shepherd from Bolton. He had been Wanderers'

leader for several years and played for England and the Football League.

A through-the-middle striker, Shepherd's headlong dashes for goal thrilled the fans before an injury prior to the 1911 F.A. Cup Final ended his spell with Newcastle, for whom he averaged over a goal every two games, finding the net 78 times in League matches.

With United, Albert gained an F.A. Cup-winners' medal and helped the Geordies to a First Division Championship win—following his lay-off due to injury, he eventually signed for Bradford City in July, 1914, and fought a losing battle to regain peak fitness before becoming a publican in Bolton.

The First World War then intervened for four years, and after it ended in November, 1918, the Newcastle number nine shirt was worn by a number of players, including Billy Hibbitt, an England inside-forward, and Andy Smailes, an ex-Blyth Spartans product.

But the imagination of the St James' supporters was only fired when Neil Harris was secured by United from Partick Thistle in May, 1920.

He was born in Glasgow, and his family were noted sportsmen, with a brother joining Chelsea—later, Neil's son, John, also became a Chelsea player, taking over as Sheffield United manager when he hung up his boots.

Neil Harris was a prolific scorer for Newcastle, hitting 88 goals in 174 League games, including a famous goal in United's F.A. Cup Final win over Aston Villa in 1924. Harris was also Scotland's centre-forward in that season, a peak one for him, before he moved to Notts County a year later for a fee of £3,000 when he was 30.

Acting quickly to secure a successor for Harris, Newcastle signed a player who was



The legendary Hughie Gallacher (right) winning this heading duel for Scotland v Germany in Berlin.



Jackie Milburn attacking the Blackpool defence in the 1957 Cup Final.

# Goalscorers Greats

considered by many to be the greatest figure ever to appear in a black and white shirt—this was Hughie Kilpatrick Gallacher, bought from Airdrie for £6,500, in December, a month following the departure of Harris. Only 5ft 4ins, Hughie became the idol of Gallowgate with his skill and goal-scoring ability, netting 387 goals during his career.

In five years at St. James' he scored 133 goals, and in 20 appearances for Scotland, found the net on 23 occasions.

In 1930, he was transferred to Chelsea for £11,000, later turning out for several clubs before returning to the North-East when he joined Gateshead in 1938.

On retiring from the game during the Second World War, he worked in a factory and in the Fifties did sports features for a local newspaper up until his suicidal death beneath the York-Edinburgh express train.

Such was the legend of Gallacher, that his was the first name thought of by the Newcastle Sports Supporters Association in connection with their much-publicised No. 9 Bar.

How to fill the gap left by the transfer of Gallacher was the outsize problem facing the Newcastle directors, but in purchasing Jack Allan from Sheffield Wednesday they got a centre-forward who snapped up the two winning goals for United against Arsenal in the 1932 F.A. Cup Final.

Then followed Jack Smith, who joined Newcastle from Huddersfield in 1934, to notch 70 goals in 100 appearances before

being succeeded by local-born Billy Cairns. Clever with his head, Cairns scored 50 goals for The Magpies, later being transferred to Grimsby.

Before the departure of Cairns, the player who had appeared alongside him at inside-right, Albert Stubbins, was moved to the centre-forward berth.

Stubbins, another local-born forward, was in the United line-up during the Second World War, before his request for a transfer in 1946 resulted in his move to Liverpool in 1946-47 season.

Before leaving Gallowgate, Stubbins played for England and had scored 265 goals for United in 199 games, and his transfer fee of £13,000 was a huge one in those days.

In the mid-Forties, two men who were colleagues of Stubbins in the Newcastle forward-line were destined to become future leaders of the United attack—they were Charlie Wayman and Jackie Milburn.

Wyman, a skilful and tricky inside-left, took over the No. 9 shirt when Stubbins left, and scored 30 goals in a season prior to his transfer to Southampton in October, 1947.

Then for the next ten years, the Newcastle centre-forward spot belonged exclusively to one man—Milburn.

Apart from individual brilliance, his speed and jet-propelled shooting, Milburn's name will be forever associated with a period of epic FA Cup triumphs.

First capped in 1949, Milburn played 13 times for England, and was a lethal spearhead leader

right through the Fifties. In 1957, he took a player-manager's post with Linfield, but his reputation and following on Tyneside today is still immense—he is still affectionately known to the Geordies as "Wor Jackie."

Milburn's successor, Len White, had been at St. James' since February, 1953, coming from Rotherham, and after Milburn had gone, dramatically filled the centre-forward spot.

White knocked in 142 goals in 243 League matches, and was a great crowd-pleaser with his speed off the mark, close ball-control and strong shooting.

An injury in a game against Tottenham in February, 1962, ended his career.

Newcastle, relegated to the Second Division, failed to replace

White successfully with centre-forwards Barrie Thomas and Ron McGarry, though McGarry assisted United to promotion in 1965—and one year later the club bought Wyn Davies from Bolton.

Davies was never a great goalscorer, netting only 40 League goals in 180 games, but his heading of the ball was exceptional—his aerial power helped United to their Fairs Cup win in 1969, and Davies' struck up a fine partnership with Bryan "Pop" Robson.

The deft flicks and nods from the head of Davies created opportunities for Robson to demonstrate his deadly goal-scoring ability.

With the end of the Davies' era in 1972, a new one started with

the arrival on Tyneside of United's biggest-ever personality, Malcolm Macdonald.

Arriving at Gallowgate in a Rolls-Royce, following his transfer from Fulham for £180,000, Macdonald soon proved himself to be a goal-scoring machine.

Fast, powerful and direct in his style, Super Mac scored 100 plus goals for Newcastle, becoming an idol to United supporters, who were outraged when he was transferred to Arsenal in 1976.

Few clubs, if any, can boast of such an array of centre-forward talent, as Newcastle have had throughout the years—and for the future the big question is on Tyneside who will be the next striker to join the list of great Gallowgate strikers.



They still talk about the goalscorer exploits of Malcolm Macdonald at St. James' Park.



## JIM'S AIMING FOR EUROPE

Jim Platt, the Middlesbrough and Northern Ireland international goalkeeper, could afford to feel highly satisfied with his form last season, when he

conceded 33 goals in the First Division.

This gave him one of the best records in the Football League, and firmly established him as a top-class 'keeper. But his outstanding performances last term haven't prevented Platt from seeking to realise two outstanding ambitions.

"I want Middlesbrough to get into Europe next season, and I would like to have a regular run as my country's goalkeeper," says Jim.

"Admittedly, we could have done a lot better if we'd scored a few more goals. At the back, we didn't give many away, and although the defence and the goalkeeper come in for praise in a case like this, it must be remembered that the fine work of our midfield men was an important factor in preventing teams from scoring against us.

"As for my playing for Northern Ireland, Pat Jennings is the man in possession, and his international form has been good enough to keep him there. I can just keep on doing my best, to be ready if called upon."

Certainly, Platt's consistency last season has given the likeable

Irish international a lot of satisfaction, particularly when compared with his situation at Ayresome Park a year or so ago.

"When I was left out of the Middlesbrough team in 1978-79 I lost my confidence. I found it hard to believe that after having appeared in 300 games, I had a transfer fee of only £25,000 on my head. I felt so badly about it that I could quite easily have quit the game.

"I thought about going into business in Ireland when I found the going at Ayresome Park too hard to take. To be fair, my form had been in and out, and I was dropped, brought back and dropped again, a big contrast to the days when I was an automatic choice.

"But I never believed my form had been all that bad, and my pride forced me to stay on and accept the pressures, rather than take the easy way out.

Then Platt's decision to stay with the Teessiders was proved

to be right when Scottish international goalkeeper Jim Stewart suffered a lapse in form that cost him his place.

Stewart had been bought from Kilmarnock for a fee of £100,000 in the summer of 1978, and his arrival at Ayresome resulted in Platt being relegated to second team football.

And even then, Jim was selected for only one match in every two for the reserves, as well as going on loan to Cardiff and Hartlepool—if the right offer had been made, he would have left Middlesbrough. Instead, he made the most of his opportunity on his return to first-team football, and is now keeping Stewart on the sidelines.

Platt recalls: "Oddly enough, on the very eve of my comeback for Boro, Blackburn wished to buy me, and I was all for the move. But Middlesbrough refused to let me go.

"At that time, I was annoyed, but since then, realise that things have worked out well enough for me. However, I've still to convince some people that I am a capable goalkeeper.

"To do that, I need to play consistently well for a season."

# A tough start for SUNDERLAND'S ARGENTINIAN

Claudio Marangoni, Sunderland's £380,000 buy from Argentina, found it tough going in the Second Division last season.

But he says: "I am trying very hard to adjust and settle to the game in England. Next season I will be a lot better."

Marangoni arrived in the North-East last December, with manager Ken Knighton claiming that he would be the biggest cult figure up there since Malcolm Macdonald.

He's already got a big following among the young fans. But the older ones want more proof that he is going to be a big star.

Marangoni says: "It's another kind of football in England. In Argentina, they always play the ball to feet and they like touch and dribbling.

The people whistle at the players who make tackles. But here, if you are physical and strong, the people like you. The skilful player is not protected.

"At least, though, the players in England do not have bad intentions when they tackle you. In Argentina, they are more vicious. They want to do you harm."

The play, too, is a lot different to what he is used to back home.

"In Argentina, the defenders gave me the ball and we used to build from the back. Here, the goalkeeper shoots long balls and you have to fight to get it.

"The defenders are afraid to play good balls so midfield control is not there. Midfield players are only there to support the attack men."

Marangoni knew hardly anything about Sunderland before he signed and he didn't fancy playing in the Second Division. So he had a few words with pals Ardiles and Villa at Spurs.

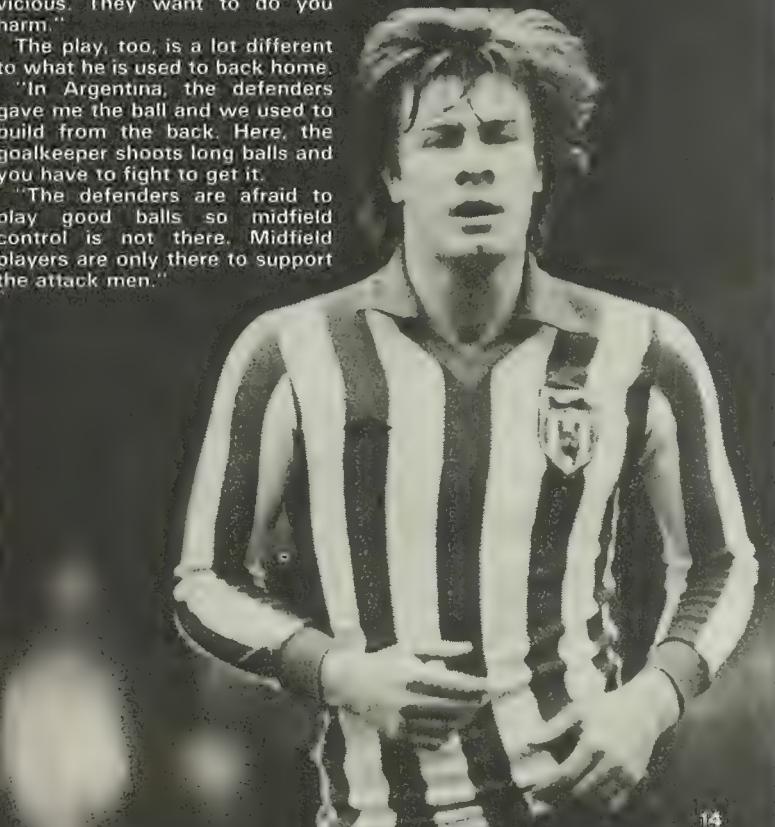
"They told me that it was a very hard Division but that I could get good experience. I want to learn more about the game."

"I had offers from other countries. From Spain, France, Mexico, Brazil. But I didn't want to play in a League that wasn't superior to the Argentinian League."

Marangoni thinks that the First Division will suit him much better than the Second.

"It's more skilful in the First. There is more space and more time and I think it would be better for me. In the Second Division, people don't think and they don't want to learn."

Marangoni is also looking forward to playing on better pitches at the start of next season. "Some of the pitches I have found very difficult to play on since I came here."



**KARL-HEINZ  
RUMMENIGGE**

**(Bayern Munich and  
West Germany)**



**TERRY  
BUTCHER**  
Ipswich Town



When Peter Barnes was chosen as the Young Player of the Year by his fellow professionals in 1975 he seemed to have the world at his feet. He'd only played around two dozen League games at the time, so you can imagine what sort of immediate impact the Manchester City winger had.

Peter helped City win the League Cup, beating Newcastle United and when Ron Greenwood awarded him his first England cap in 1977 it seemed like the first of many.

Something, somewhere, went wrong and as the Seventies became the Eighties Peter Barnes' career had not so much had a set-back, but a stutter.

He'd left City; signed for West Bromwich Albion; his place in the England squad no longer guaranteed. The promise he had shown four years earlier had been fulfilled, but the progress had not been maintained.

"I thought at one time I'd be with City for the rest of my life," he says. "Then Malcolm Allison arrived..."

"He started ripping the team apart and Bill Taylor, the coach, was fired. I thought we needed just a couple of new players—instead of that only about two stayed!"

"I was in and out of the side. I didn't really want to leave Maine Road. If you look back over Malcolm's career, he always prefers his own players.

"I don't hold any grudges nor do I regret leaving the club. I was

worried about my England future and I needed a change of scenery."

West Brom appeared to be the ideal club. Peter's close friend, Gary Owen, had already signed and Albion were used to playing with a winger, Laurie Cunningham. They'd had a great season, qualifying for the 1979/80 UEFA Cup. But it all went wrong and Albion were uncomfortably close to the relegation zone, being unable to find any sort of form away from The Hawthorns.

Barnes' England form was inconsistent and his England career came to a temporary stand-still.

"As wingers came back into fashion, teams were forced to counter-attack them. Initially I had just one full-back marking me. Now, as often as not, there is also a midfield man as well, who has been pulled deep. This means I have two men to get past so I had to alter my style slightly. Instead of staying wide I had to go inside looking for the ball.

"I know I should score more goals than I do. Basically, my game is to receive the ball early and try to beat my man, but I should get inside the penalty area more often.

"It's never easy to change clubs. Unlike some players who have moved around, West Brom was my first transfer. You have to learn new methods, new ideas. Things weren't made any easier by the general poor form of the team.

"Living in an hotel is unsettling.



Peter with his P.F.A. Young Player of the Year award.

## PETER WILL NEVER BE A SOCCER ROBOT



On the ball for West Brom against Spurs last season.

but I don't like to make excuses. Ron Atkinson and Ron Greenwood know what I'm capable of and remember, I'm still only 23. Everyone has a quiet spell now and again.

"Playing for England means a lot to me. I gave my dad my first cap because he, more than anyone, has helped me in my career."

Dad is Ken Barnes, the former Manchester City star now chief scout.

"He used to encourage and watch me play in all sorts of weather when I was a kid. I still listen to him and take notice of what he says."

"I get home as often as I can. Manchester is only 1½ hours from the Midlands, so it's no problem."

Barnes' main problem is how to harness his unquestionable skill to the best use of the team. He's unpredictable — although whatever happens he'll never become a soccer 'robot'.

*In action for Scotland v. Portugal. Alan safety collects the ball as Jordao rushes in to challenge.*



# Despite the criticisms **ROUGH IS SCOTLAND'S BEST 'KEEPER**

**I**t was a hectic afternoon for the goalkeeper as Celtic's forwards rolled down upon him in relentless fashion. He was forced to pick the ball out of the net five times, another 'goal' was ruled out for some inexplicable reason, two other efforts were cleared off the line by defenders and another mighty effort almost demolished the crossbar.

The keeper would have been forgiven for quitting soccer there and then, but that man was international star Alan Rough and at the end of that performance he had confirmed what everyone North of the border already realised—that he was the best 'keeper in the Premier Division!

That may bring a chuckle from the critics who constantly hammer Scottish 'keepers. They might say: What are the other 'keepers like if the best concedes five and is still rated the top?

That's fair enough, but anyone who was at Parkhead to watch that game would immediately spring to the defence of the much-maligned Rough... which is more than his rearguard did against Celtic.

"Yes, that was one of the busiest afternoons I had last season," says the likeable Rough, who set a record for Scottish international goalkeepers when he picked up his 29th cap against Belgium in Brussels last season. That was one better than the previous best held by former Dundee and Spurs goalkeeper Bill Brown.

"I enjoy my games against Celtic," admits Rough. "They really keep you hard at it and that's the way I like things. I think the Parkhead fans appreciate good football and they aren't slow to applaud even rival players."

"Like I said, I like playing there although I haven't had much success in the past when it comes to keeping their forwards at bay."

How is Rough settling down after the criticism of the past year or so? "It doesn't bother me now," he answers. "I'm a bit fed up of people having a go when

they obviously have never seen me over any length of time.

"It's all part and parcel of a goalkeeper's life, though. Nothing I read or hear surprises me any more."

"I'm settled with Thistle now and I'm happy with my game although, of course, I am always trying to improve."

Life is good for Rough at the moment. He has moved into a new luxury house with his model wife Michelle and he is one of the best paid players in Scotland.

"I don't envy anyone with an English club," he says. "I admit I wanted to play in the English First Division, but it didn't materialise and I'm not going to waste time thinking of what might have been."

"Partick Thistle have been good to me. They gave me my big chance, after all, when I was a youngster. The fans, too, are great and it would be great to be able to bring them another honour soon. They still talk of that League Cup

triumph over Celtic, but that was seven years ago. It's time we gave them something else to cheer."

Rough may have a happy-go-lucky attitude, but on the pitch he is a serious competitor. He has made mistakes, but the goalkeeper hasn't been born yet who didn't drop a clanger every now and again.

In the past that great Russian Lev Yashin and the wonderful Brazilian Gylmar blundered in big matches, but these mistakes seem to have vanished into the past. When people talk of these two custodians these days they remember the marvellous saves.

Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan—rated the three top 'keepers in England—have made their fair share of mistakes, but they tend to escape criticism.

Does Rough think that is unfair? "I've really got nothing to add," he says. "I know how difficult life can be for a 'keeper. It can be a bit of a thankless task, believe me."

"You often get outfield players criticising one another, but how many times do you hear 'keepers pulling each other apart? We know what it is all about. Whenever I see a 'keeper make a mistake I immediately feel for him, I honestly do."

"It must be a headline-writer's dream whenever a 'keeper makes a mistake. Suddenly a headline appears... 'So-and-so Blunders' and 'So-and-so's Tragic Mistake'. I wish I had one new pence for every time I have seen that in a newspaper."

Rough is highly thought of among his fellow-professionals in Scotland. Although Celtic

thrashed five past him last season the Parkhead fans were still talking about some of his incredible saves at the end of the game. If he hadn't been in such fine form Celtic might have set a record for a Premier Division game.

It's time the poison-tipped bullets were put away and Rough was allowed to play without the threat of an avalanche of criticism waiting to collapse on his head every matchday.

Rough, at 28, is reaching his peak. That is bad news for the forwards who have to try to beat him each week.

Alan looks ahead and says: "I want to keep playing for as long as I possibly can. I can't imagine a life without football. However, I do realise that you must take the rough with the smooth in this game."

The 6ft, blond-haired, good-looking Rough smiles when he says those words...

# 'I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A NORWICH FAN' says Clive Woods

The £120,000 deal that took Clive Woods to Norwich was completed within hours of the transfer deadline. Yet he could have joined the same club 14 years earlier—for nothing!

Winger Woods took the long route to Carrow Road to join the team he always supported. Even after 338 first team appearances for Ipswich, his new club's big East Anglian rivals, he admits: "I'm a Norwich boy and I always wanted to play for them."

"This was an ideal move from my point of view. It meant the fulfilment of a lifelong ambition and I didn't have to uproot my family. It was also the fresh challenge I was looking for."

Norwich boss John Bond splashed some of the £1 million received from Manchester City for young England striker Kevin Reeves on Woods. But he had better luck than previous Canaries' manager Lol Morgan.

When Morgan invited Woods to join Norwich he didn't get the answer he expected. Woods declined their offer of a place in the reserve side on a trial basis and went back to playing for his club in the Eastern Counties League.

## Amateur

"Of course I wanted to join them," says Clive, "but they were a professional club and I wanted to be a professional player. They wanted to take me on as an amateur but I felt they had seen me on enough occasions to know whether I was good enough to make the grade."

"They watched me several times and when I was playing for Norfolk against Cambridgeshire in the Southern Amateur Championship I scored a hat-trick. But even that didn't do the trick."

Funnily enough, once he had returned to his club side, Woods began to attract the attention of Ipswich and he was soon offered a trial. He wasn't invited back again, however, until two years later!

"I was beginning to give up hope of ever making a career for myself in football," he recalls. "I'd turned down Norwich, failed my test at Ipswich and I thought the odds were against me getting another chance. When it came along, of course, I was determined not to miss out."

Woods actually joined up at Portman Road in May, 1969, on the same day as Trevor Whymark and it was a partnership that was to go on to create havoc in defences both at home and abroad.



He was a late starter as a professional at the age of 20 but didn't waste any time in proving he was good enough for the very highest level. After a number of appearances in midfield, he was asked to fill the role of emergency winger and never looked back.

"They were happy times at Ipswich," he says, "but there

comes a time when everyone has to move on. I couldn't be sure of a regular first team place any more and when I knew Norwich wanted me I didn't really think twice about the move."

"I've always felt close to Norwich. I used to go along to Carrow Road as a kid and even in

all those years at Ipswich I would still support them when I had the chance. And being local enabled me to know all there was to know about the set-up there."

The highlight of his career will always be that stunning display in the 1978 FA Cup Final when he tormented Arsenal skipper Pat Rice and was the unanimous choice as "Man of the Match" in a memorable Ipswich triumph.

He can also look back on what might have been as Ipswich proved themselves one of the most consistent teams of the Seventies, qualifying for Europe regularly as a result of high First Division placings.

Woods will also be remembered as one of the best uncapped players. The nearest he came was when he was included in the England squad, along with four Ipswich team-mates, for a World Cup qualifying match in Luxembourg.

## Challenge

It was a vital game for England and Woods, as expected, wasn't even required as a substitute. But it was a bitter disappointment to him that his name never appeared in a subsequent squad selected by Ron Greenwood.

Now a new challenge opens up for him at Norwich, the club who started the season in style but gradually slumped to a mid-table position and were then forced to sell their biggest asset because of financial pressure after going ahead with their ambitious plan to build a new £1½ million grandstand.

The departure of Reeves to Maine Road annoyed a large section of the Carrow Road support but the arrival of an experienced favourite like Woods went a long way towards appeasing them.

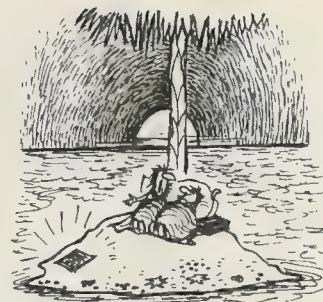
There can be no doubting the player's desire to succeed. "I could have stayed at Ipswich on good wages and seen out the last couple of years of my contract," he says, "but I much preferred the prospect of joining Norwich."

"I am aware of what terrific strides the club has made under John Bond's leadership and I want to play a part in the success story. Just pulling on that Norwich shirt for the first time was a great feeling and I know I'm going to be happy here. In a way it's like coming home!"

# FOOTBALL FUNNIES



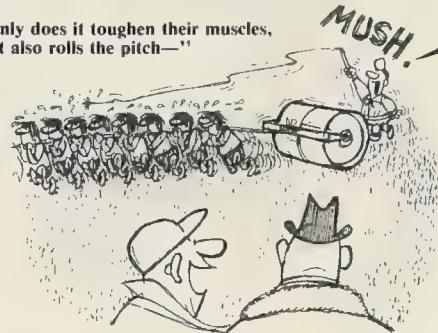
"Can't make it out—every Thursday morning before we wake up—someone delivers 'SHOOT'—"



"Yes I will—No I won't—  
Yes I will—No I won't—  
Yes I—"



"Not only does it toughen their muscles, boss—it also rolls the pitch—"



"Good, isn't he—?  
Third time he's missed the ball—"



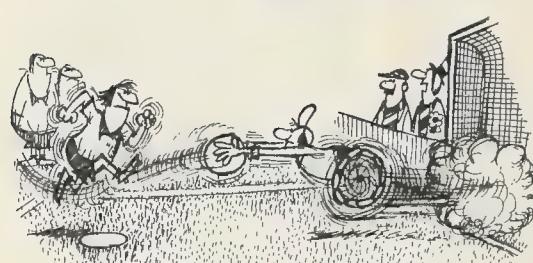
"Was it something I said—?"



"I believe I've warned you before about coming onto the pitch—"



"Please don't make me pack up playing football for the local team, Doc—I'm their star player—"



"Test you on your knowledge of football—did the goalie move before or after the penalty kick—?"

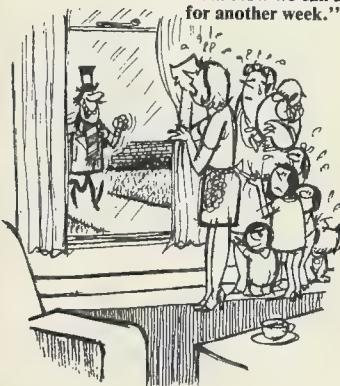


"When I started my sentence—Huddersfield were in the First Division—"



"You won't get him to kick-off just yet, Ref—he's lost his lucky rabbit's foot—"

"Thank goodness! They've won. Now we can all relax for another week."





*Tommy in charge of the back-four at go-ahead Orient*

# O'S TAYLOR MADE FOR TOMMY

You won't find many players saying they wanted to leave West Ham United. The East London club has a reputation for being one of the homeliest, friendliest clubs in the land—and most players are delighted to get the chance to play for the famous Hammers.

Bearing all that in mind, it may come as a surprise to hear former West Ham centre-half Tommy Taylor say: "I couldn't wait to leave the club. I had just had enough, I'd been there eight years and I just wanted a change. It was as simple as that."

Taylor's words will surprise many. But at 28, the big Londoner felt he had to have a change of clubs—to give his career a new challenge at a critical time. And Taylor, although he might not be too popular with the loyal Hammers fans for saying as much, has proved he was right. He went to nearby Orient in a

£70,000 deal last summer and has proved the fresh opportunity has worked wonders.

In fact, Taylor had become so tired of the same old routine, the same old surroundings that he was prepared to quit English soccer—and cross the North Atlantic Ocean to find riches and a fresh challenge in American football.

He says: "I was set to go to San Diego and I wanted to go ahead with the move. But when my former club Orient came in for me, I was delighted to accept their offer.

"I now have everything I

wanted at Orient. I would have had a testimonial if I'd stayed at West Ham but Orient said they'd give me one, anyway.

"I can have the testimonial at any time I want. And they have given me a good contract and a chance to tackle something new. There is a lot of experience in this side and the club is a lot better than when I was here the first time.

"I joined Orient straight from school at 13 and left for Upton Park when I was almost 19. The club is better run now, is far more go ahead and the current chairman is different class. They all want to do well and that is great for me.

"I am really enjoying my football again. I needed this to get me together again. I would have gone to the United States but I'm glad I stayed here because there is still time to go to America in a few years time. It is better to be involved over here, especially if the club you are with is going well."

Taylor has some happy memories of his career with West Ham. "Going down in 1977-78 wasn't one of them—but there were great things before that," he says.

"I enjoyed it at West Ham and I don't think I let them down in any way. We won the FA Cup while I was there, played in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final and finished fifth in the First Division one season. That was the highest the club had ever been."

Great memories. But there comes a time for any player, when he needs a fresh challenge. Taylor came to that point and made his decision. He is happy to report that the decision he made was entirely the correct one.



*Tears after West Ham lost to Anderlecht in the 1976 Cup Winners' Cup Final in Brussels.*



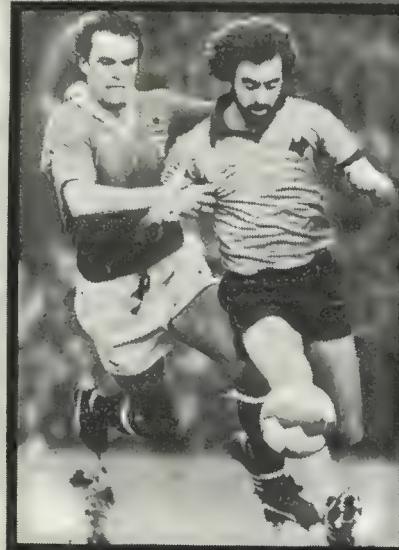
Main picture: City's Tommy Caton gets to grips with Arthur Graham of Leeds.  
Top of page: Arsenal's Paul Vaesson refuses to be muscled out against West Brom.  
Above: Eric Morris (Ayr) uses strong-arm tactics to stop Jim March (Airdrie).  
Above right: Q.P.R.'s Tony Currie strides away from Fulham's Richard Money (now Liverpool).

# Up for grabs

Below: Watford's Dennis Booth on the move despite the efforts of this Newcastle defender.



Left: Geoff Palmer (Wolves) shrugs off big Joe Jordan (Man. United).  
Below: Terry Lees (Birmingham) and David Hodgson (Middlesbrough) into a tangle.



**G**ORDON McQueen is still the most expensive centre-back in Britain after his £1½ million move from Leeds United to Manchester United over two seasons ago, but did you know that he was once turned down by little Scottish club Clydebank?

It's true, but you could hardly blame the Kilbowie Park outfit for rejecting a young Gordon... he was a goalkeeper at the time!

Gordon wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father who had been a fair keeper in his day, but he failed to impress the Clydebank officials during his brief trial. He switched roles shortly afterwards and St. Mirren



# A SWITCH FOR THESE

moved in swiftly to sign the player who is now one of the most dominant and feared aerial experts in world soccer.

McQueen is the perfect illustration of players who have made the switch in time to save their careers. SHOOT takes a look at the Premier Division and spotlights some of the Scottish stars who found that a change of roles also brought a change of fortune.

In the 1978-79 season TOM McADAM was Celtic's top

scorer with 13 goals although he finished the title-winning programme playing in the heart of the rearguard. He was so impressive that Parkhead manager Billy McNeill, himself a former centre-half, has handed him the position on a permanent basis and now the former Dumbarton and Dundee United striker is one of the most intelligent back-four men North of the border.

"I suppose you could say I was surprised when Mr. McNeill told me of the change at first," says McAdam. "I was just happy to prove myself as a regular Celtic first team player."

"It's enjoyable playing in defence with the play coming towards you. It's certainly a lot different in trying to make space up-front in the attack when defences are constantly breathing down your neck."

"I suppose I have picked up a lot of useful hints with my stint as a striker. Now I am up against the forwards I have a fair idea of what they might try."

McAdam, though, hasn't lost his touch as a goalscorer. After 20 League games last season he was, in fact, the Parkhead club's top scorer with eight goals.

He showed his goal flair when

Manchester United's Gordon McQueen (left) and Celtic's Tom McAdam (below, dark shirt) are examples of Scottish stars whose careers have benefited from a change of position.



Partick Thistle came to Parkhead on Premier Division business and he sent two raging headers wide of Alan Rough in Celtic's overwhelming 5-1 victory.

And the player is certainly revelling in his new role. He looks a lot more confident and composed and he supports his team-mates well, both in attack and defence.

One player who wouldn't have appreciated his two goals against Thistle was his brother COLIN McADAM, recently transferred from Firhill to Rangers. Ironically, while Tom has moved from attack to defence to find his true position, Colin has done the reverse and switched from the rearguard to the firing line!

McAdam, like his brother, has immense ability in the air as he demonstrates so amply in every match. He scores spectacular efforts.

"When I started in senior football with Dumbarton I came into the side as a defender while Tom knocked the goals in up-front. However, after awhile, Dumbarton moved me into attack and things clicked for me."

They certainly did! After the Boghead Park club had sold Tom to Dundee United and Ian Wallace to Coventry City they found they were short of goal-scorers and they tried Colin in a forward's role to see if he could give the attack some punch.

The well-built McAdam switched positions with amazing ease and started to produce some wonderful performances and goals to match. Motherwell then moved in for his services, but they moved him back into defence.

The player was in and out of the team at Fir Park with astonishing regularity, playing in a variety of positions. If he had been chosen to play in goal no-one would have been unduly surprised.

He paid the price for being so versatile. Roger Hynd, the former Motherwell boss, admitted he was a great man to have on the substitutes' bench because he could be put on in an emergency and play in almost any position.

Not surprisingly all the sitting around on the bench waiting for a crisis to happen did little for Colin's game and eventually he moved to Partick Thistle. Again he started as a defender, but last

# IN TIME SCOTS

season he played in the forward line and scored regularly.

"But I'll play anywhere my new boss John Greig wants me to play," he says. "I'm just happy to be at Ibrox."

McAdam is a powerful sight as he surges powerfully forward and there is always an air of expectancy when he launches himself at high centres, going in bravely against goal-keepers and defenders. That courage will continue to bring him goals.

Another defender who got fed up stopping goals and has decided to have a go at scoring them is teenager DEREK HAMILTON, of new Champions Aberdeen.

"He was a good left-back, but he always had attacking instincts," says Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson. "We tried him as an attack leader in a few reserve games and he kept knocking in the goals."

"He forced his way into the first team and although he may still be a bit raw he is learning and improving in every game."

Hamilton really hit the headlines when The Dons beat Rangers 3-2 in a Premier Division match at Pittodrie last season and

he scored the winning goal with almost the last kick of the ball.

He stuck that effort away with all the assurance of a player who has been scoring goals all his life.

Steve Archibald pulled down an awkward pass and pushed the ball in front of Hamilton all in one sweeping movement and the youngster galloped away from the Rangers rearguard and swiftly stroked a low shot away from Peter McCloy into the net. It was so simple yet so devastating.

"I owed him that pass," says the impressive Archibald. "He had set one up for me shortly before it through sheer hard work and persistence."

"He battled away against a couple of Rangers defenders and managed to prod the ball across goal to me and I only had to tap it over the line. We were losing 2-1 at the stage so it was a very important pass from Derek."

The partnership of Hamilton and Archibald undoubtedly made some defenders want to quit football altogether and take up a safe job such as bull fighting!

Another player who has made a sensational switch in recent seasons has been Hibs' veteran ARTHUR DUNCAN, the former Scotland international left-winger.

But Duncan took the back-four shirt and says: "Certainly it made it a whole new ball game, but I was more than willing to give it a try. It was strange having people attacking you at first, but I soon got used to it."

"I still get up there with the attack as often as possible and it's just like old times when I hit the bye-line and get the ball across for the forwards."

Eddie Turnbull must really believe in attack-conscious full-backs for when Duncan was forced to miss the League match against Celtic at Easter Road last season he simply replaced him with... Duncan Lamb, who just happens to be another former winger!

DAVID NAREY'S career has had some ups and downs since he made the breakthrough with Dundee United. Roughly, it started in midfield and then went to the back-four and then back to his original role and again back to the defence.

While he was playing sweeper for the Tannadice club Jock Stein picked him for Scotland in a midfield role and then when he went into a midfield position for his club last season he was played in the Scottish defence. Now he is back playing sweeper alongside Paul Hegarty. We hope you managed to follow all that!

Happily, though, the player has settled his differences with the Tannadice club and has withdrawn his transfer request after signing a long term contract.

Narey stays away from the

spotlight off the field and much more prefers to let his football do the talking for him.

One manager says: "I wouldn't hesitate to splash out £1million on a player such as Narey, but I just don't have the cash."

PAUL HEGARTY, too, has gone backward to go forward in football. Manager Jim McLean bought him from Hamilton six seasons ago to score goals, but was disappointed with his form and eventually dropped him.

He gave him a new job in the No. 5 shirt and Hegarty has gone from strength to strength in the true comic book style. He is an accomplished, polished performer and made his international debut for Scotland in 1978-79 and even picked up the Professional Footballers' Player of the Year award. Enough said!

And if you were confused by Narey's switching around what about the route St. Mirren's IAIN MUNRO has taken to get to the top?

He began life as a winger, had a spell in midfield, went to full-back, back to midfield, had another spell as a flanker and now he has settled in at left-back. He moved to St. Mirren to Hibs and then onto Rangers before returning to Love Street.

Like Hegarty, he too, made his international debut last season and was voted Scotland's top player in the Challenge Match against world Champions Argentina although the Scots crashed to a 3-1 defeat.

Those, then, are just some of the stars who have found their chosen role in soccer after a lot of shifting around and an abundance of hard work. They deserve the applause that invariably comes their way every matchday...

Arthur Duncan of Hibs (left), Partick Thistle's Colin McAdam (right) and Dundee United's Scottish international Paul Hegarty (far right) all have first-hand experience of a successful move in their team's line-up.

Former Easter Road manager Eddie Turnbull stunned the Edinburgh fans a couple of years ago when he played Duncan as a left-back in a European tie against Norrkoping of Sweden.

Duncan had been a winger all his footballing life and to switch him to a defensive job was similar to Jock Stein telling little Jimmy Johnstone that outside-right wasn't his game at all and he would have been more suited to a right-back's role. It just seemed impossible.



# GRAHAM 'king' of the kids at Palace



George Graham, whose cool, unflurried midfield authority earned him the nickname "Stroller" during a League career that kicked-off with Aston Villa, then moved on, via Chelsea, to Arsenal, Manchester United, Portsmouth, and Crystal Palace, was recently appointed as boss of the Selhurst Park club's Youth teams in succession to Martin Hinshelwood who had departed to take over the manager's chair at non-League Leatherhead.

"I was delighted to have been given the opportunity of breaking into the coaching and management side at this level," said Graham, "and while I don't want to spend the rest of my career in charge of the Youth sides, what I learn here and what I achieve, will be of tremendous benefit to me as regards my own ambitions for the future."

"My involvement with the Youth squad is total. I have complete control of the youngsters' coaching and training programme, and two evenings a week I have promising schoolboy footballers along for ball work and the sort of advice that will help them."

"Then there's the very important business of talking with the parents of those lads whose ability has attracted the attention of League clubs. We have to, more or less, sell Crystal Palace to the parents, giving them a run-down on the way the club is run, its first-class facilities, and the consideration of Terry Venables and his staff for the welfare of the youngsters who come to Selhurst Park."

"Then again, winning the F.A. Youth Cup two seasons running, and the success several of the boys who played in those Finals have achieved since they stepped up to the League team, has given Palace's Youth set-up a considerable amount of publicity."

"Once a week, on a Thursday or Friday, Terry and his coaching staff have a conference. I report on the progress my lads are making, both in a team sense and individually, and any tactical suggestions and ideas that I come up with for my teams are talked over with Terry and given the go-ahead."

During his distinguished playing career George Graham was deliberate rather than dashing, and the thoughtfulness that made his such a smooth, stylish performer was capsuled in his reply when we asked him if he would jump at a manager's job were it offered him in the near future.

"No, I wouldn't. As a player I was always a bit cautious, and I'm the same now. I had a couple of small offers, but I knew I wasn't ready for management yet."

"I was starting from scratch, but I'd picked up a bit of knowledge during my playing career from outstanding managers and coaches like Joe Mercer, Dave Sexton, Don Howe, and, of course, Terry."

Graham, an Arsenal stalwart when the Highbury team won the First Division Championship and the F.A. Cup in 1971, regards those memorable events as the highlights of a career that was also illuminated by two Scottish Under-23 caps in 1965, when he was a rising young star with Chelsea, and 12 appearances for the full Scotland side, eight of them as an Arsenal player, the remainder during his spell at Old Trafford.



George was a stalwart of the Arsenal side that won the double in 1971.

*Has done well during his first year in the top class, although not, perhaps, as well as we'd hoped. No doubt about his skill, but he must show a little more drive and consistency.*

**T**hat could be the headmaster's report on Kenny Sansom's first season in Division One with Crystal Palace. If the England left-back disappointed slightly, it was because he had set himself such high standards. Sansom can be pleased with 1979/80, yet there is still the nagging thought that he could have done even better.

He arrived in the First Division as an England player, a defender tipped to take over from Mick Mills in the number three shirt. Sansom's England team-mates were full of praise for the teenager, who showed poise and confidence at the highest level.

Palace and Sansom started the

understanding. We had a long chat about my form and my future. Simply talking to Terry and coach Allan Harris made me feel better.

"I like to think all that's behind me now. The First Division is certainly testing but it's a challenge I enjoy."

Sansom was fortunate that Mick Mills was unlucky enough to break an arm just before the British Championship, but he realises the Ipswich captain has no intention of relinquishing his England spot just yet.

The experience of 1979/80 will surely make young Kenny and even better play next season.

## The question Kenny, couldn't answer

season brilliantly, although in the League Cup-tie against Wolves at Selhurst Park at the end of September he made the error which enabled Wolves to get back into the game, which they eventually won.

The Eagles recovered and their sparkling football set the First Division alight. Then, the young Palace princes came down to earth and discovered the reality of life at the top.

Sansom missed a few games through injury... and asked for a transfer because of "personal problems." Apparently, a failed business venture had resulted in a financial loss; this was affecting his form and he thought a change of environment was the best solution.

### Bad Patch

Kenny is man enough to admit he acted hastily. He says: "I have never really wanted to leave Palace, but things were getting on top of me. It was the first time I'd been up against it."

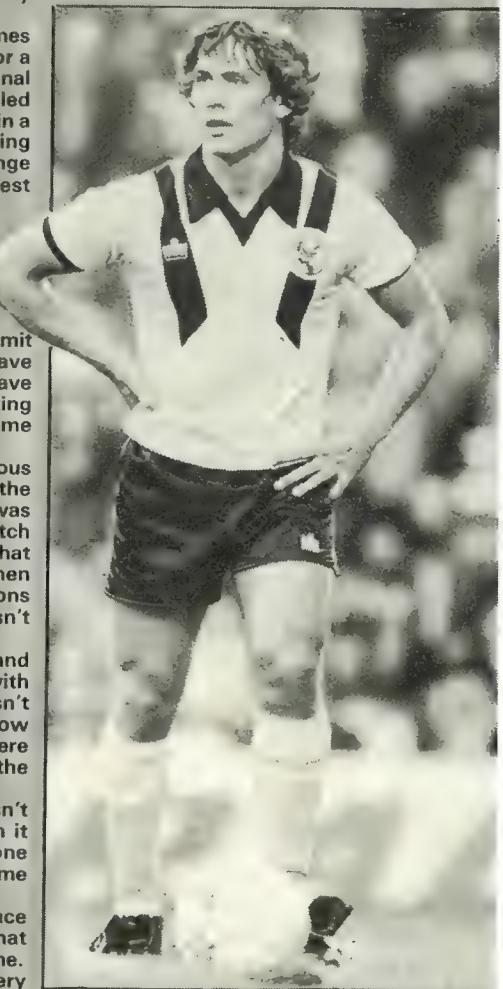
"I was doing well the previous season and broke into the England team. I suppose it was inevitable that I'd hit a bad patch at one time or another. What brought it home to me was when my close friends and relations started asking me why I wasn't playing to my full potential."

"I asked myself a thousand times, but couldn't come up with an answer. I agree that I wasn't playing well, but I still don't know why. The players and fans were tremendous, helping me all the way."

"Deep down I knew I wasn't producing the goods, although it was a boost to find everyone doing their best to steer me through the bad patch."

"I was happy to keep my place in the England squad. Losing that would really have depressed me."

"Terry Venables was very



**MURDO  
MacLEOD  
(Celtic)**



# BAD BOY STRACHAN

GORDON STRACHAN is a self-confessed former bad boy of Scottish soccer...

The flame-haired Aberdeen midfielder once had a temper to match his colouring and he was swiftly earning the sort of reputation he would have been better off without.

"Once I was knocked down from behind by a Dundee United player while I was playing for Dundee reserves," recalls Strachan, who was voted Scotland's Footballer of the Year by the football writers last season.

"United had identical twins in their line-up that evening and I knew it was one of the brothers who had fouled me. When I got to my feet they were both in front of me. I didn't know which one was the culprit."

Strachan had a novel, but hardly praiseworthy way, of getting revenge. "Without thinking I went for them both," he says, adding sadly: "Needless to say I was ordered off."

Those days must seem like centuries ago now to Strachan whose calm authority in the engine-room of Aberdeen helped bring the Championship to Pittodrie for the first time since 1955 and established him as one of

the most consistent players in the hectic Premier Division.

"I learned my lesson the hard way," says Strachan. "I made my mistakes and I paid for them. I always count to ten now if I'm fouled. If that doesn't work I just keep on counting!"

The supremely gifted Strachan is a manager's dream these days as he parades his flashing, devastating talents in the middle of the park.

As the good news for Aberdeen fans is that Strachan has signed a lucrative long term contract that should keep him at Pittodrie for several years.

"He is the sort of player you build teams around," says his manager Alex Ferguson and when you see Strachan in the thick of the action you do not feel compelled to question the wisdom of the Pittodrie team boss.

"I'm enjoying my football with Aberdeen," says Strachan. "I feel it is a great challenge to play for such a side.

"Let's face it, it is more of an achievement to win honours with Aberdeen than it is to do so with either of the Old Firm clubs, Celtic or Rangers."



Gordon on the attack for Scotland Under-21s against Belgium.

## A MANAGER'S DREAM NOW

Aberdeen celebrate Championship victory last season.



Ironically, Strachan might have been a Celtic player today if a bid by former Parkhead supremo Jock Stein had been accepted by Dundee several years ago.

"The deal was apparently at an advanced stage when it fell down," says Strachan. "I didn't know anything about it at the time and I still don't know why it didn't go through."

Strachan is not complaining, though. He went to Aberdeen in a £70,000-plus player deal three seasons ago and his career has really taken off.

He is now building the type of reputation that is more suited to his wonderful skills. Make no mistake, Gordon Strachan, on form and in the mood, could become a mainstay in Scotland's international teams for years to come.

Jock Stein, after all, is a proven admirer...

# BOBBY MOORE'S SOCCER SCHOOL



During the summer thousands of schoolboys from all over the country will be attending soccer schools launched by former England captain Bobby Moore at Forest School, Snaresbrook, East London, at Easter. Left: League referee Clive White explains the correct method of taking a throw-in.

Above: Former Sheffield Wednesday, Q.P.R. and England goalie Peter Springett teaches the art of goalkeeping.

Right and below: Bobby Moore shows these lads some of the tricks of his trade.



# WHY FRANZ DIDN'T CHANGE HIS BOOTS

A pair of battered boots used by Franz Beckenbauer (left) and size 19½ shoes worn by an American basketball star are just two of the fascinating contents of the Adidas museum in their Herzogenaurach headquarters. The town, 25 minutes from Nuremberg, is where many of the top stars' clothing and footwear is made and a stroll round the room reveals the changing face of sport.

Beckenbauer used to wear his pair of boots until they almost fell apart. Even though he could renew them whenever he wished, the former Bayern Munich and West Germany captain preferred to stick with one pair until he could wear them no longer. It's amazing that during a career spanning almost 20 years, Franz has probably had no more than a dozen pairs of boots!

Adidas, who produce 200,000 pairs of sports shoes daily, will make up a pair to suit any star who has 'strange' feet. Like the American with the size 18½ basketball shoes, or Uli Hoeneß, who had Achilles tendon trouble

once. Adidas made him a special boot with a high, reinforced back, which extended 3" above his ankle to give him support.

Most people's feet aren't exactly the same size, so plaster casts are taken and the shoes made accordingly. When you're dealing with World Champions, everything has to be absolutely right. The slightest discomfort can mean the difference between victory and defeat... new world record or a near miss.

Modern boots weigh half as much as those worn by yesterday's heroes. Some are even made specially for a Finals series; the leather is so thin it will last only for around a dozen games, but they are ideal for a European Championship or World Cup Finals.

The museum boasts boots that scored winners in World Cups, European Cups, shoes that set world records or won world titles: plus the machines on which the first boots were made. These days, boots really do fit like gloves... or should it be the other way round!





Glenn has always had good control, as he displays here against Manchester City.

This time last summer Glenn Hoddle was seriously considering a move to West Germany. After much soul-searching one factor held him back...he wanted to play for England, and considered his chances much brighter if he was under the constant scrutiny of Ron Greenwood.

Hoddle signed a new two-year contract with Spurs and his loyalty was rewarded. Glenn had his best-ever season, scoring some marvellous goals, made his England debut against Bulgaria (scoring a typically superb goal) went to Italy with the squad and was voted Young Player of the Year by his fellow professionals. All the marks in West Germany couldn't buy that.

Wales captain Terry Yorath says that Hoddle is the most talented English player he's ever seen. Arsenal and England 'B' coach Don Howe says he's been left open-mouthed at some of the things Glenn does.

If Hoddle at last has made the big breakthrough, it wasn't without a lot of hard work. Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw has spent hours with Glenn trying to convince the youngster he could produce even better performances. Last season he succeeded.

Glenn scored 22 goals for Spurs an incredible sum for a mid-fielder and many of them were worthy of the Goal of the Season award. "There isn't a better volleyer in the country," says Burkinshaw. "I'll never have another season

# SUPER GOALS A DODDLE FOR HODDLE

like the last one for goals," reflects Hoddle. "I haven't worked consciously on my skills. I've always had good control, although obviously professional coaching has helped.

"The two aspects of my game I have had to put a lot of time in and effort into are stamina and defensive duties. The stamina came with natural development; as I became older I became stronger and found I could last for 90 minutes as opposed to 75.

"I'm not the world's greatest tackler, but I have made a conscious effort to do my share of chasing."

Many would say that a mid-fielder who scores as often as Glenn does shouldn't have to worry about defending. Hoddle realises his responsibilities to the team, though.

"I'm often asked about my



Manager Keith Burkinshaw

have a go.

"Free-kicks are different. We work on set-pieces in training, but a volley from the edge of the penalty-area can't really be planned."

Two seasons ago Hoddle was in and out of the team as Spurs tried to find the best balance to accommodate the Argentines Ardiles and Villa. Glenn played in attack, but Spurs have now sorted out these problems. They use four in midfield: the two Argentines, Hoddle and anchor-man Terry Yorath, whose strong tackling enables his more flamboyant team-mates to go forward freely.

It was a memorable season for Hoddle, culminating in his selection for the European Championship.

West Germany's loss has definitely been England's gain.

goals. There is no set formula. They're all instinct. If I think I have a chance from 25 yards I'll



## A NEW LOOK AT



ABOVE, LEFT  
Belgium's secret weapon?  
A supersub with a difference?  
No, just the lucky mascot of  
the Belgians, seen here with  
midfield star Francois Van  
der Elst.

ABOVE  
Kevin Keegan hasn't actually  
played in the Southampton  
strip yet, but here he shows a  
jersey that a fan gave to him  
soon after he agreed to sign  
for Saints.

LEFT  
One way to stop Cologne and  
England striker Tony  
Woodcock from scoring is to  
lock him up! Don't worry,  
Woody isn't in trouble – it's  
goals not gaol that he prefers!

ABOVE, RIGHT  
Real Madrid and England  
winger Laurie Cunningham  
relaxing away from the  
pressures of football.

RIGHT  
Wolves star Andy Gray  
promised to chop down  
Forest in the League Cup  
Final – and kept his word,  
with the winning goal at  
Wembley.



# THE STARS

ABOVE  
SHOOT has carried dozens of photos of Dennis Mortimer, the Aston Villa captain. Here, Dennis samples life the other side of the lens.

BELOW  
Wherever Dave Watson goes, he takes his cassette and Status Quo tapes. The Southampton and England star met up with Quo guitarist Rick Parfitt and Steve Coppell at Wembley recently





The best player in the Bundesliga doesn't come from West Germany or England. He has the unlikely name of Bum Kun-Cha and comes from South Korea.

That isn't our opinion; the prestigious weekly magazine KICKER gave Tscha-bum (as he's called) that rating when they took their annual critical look at the Bundesliga. Tscha-bum came out above famous stars like Kevin Keegan, Paul Breitner, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge... all the household soccer names.

You probably haven't seen the South Korean play, as Eintracht Frankfurt only met Aberdeen from Britain during his season in Germany when he scored.

Obviously Tscha-bum has no international projection, yet week after week he receives rave reports, a tremendous achievement considering the total change in lifestyle and the fact he speaks little German.

Tscha-bum came to Germany in December, 1978, initially. He was 'sold' by a player-agency based in Lichtenstein to Darmstadt 98, and scored a goal in their 3-1 win over VfL Buchum on Christmas Day.

Soon after the game he disappeared; he still had five months of his service in the

# The Korean who's top in Germany

South Korean Air Force to complete, and German fans were left wondering what was happening.

Eintracht Frankfurt kept in touch through the agency and in the meantime Darmstadt were relegated. They offered the 27-year-old forward a two-year contract and he quickly showed that he had what it takes to survive at the top.

He is the target of vicious fouls every week. One journalist wrote: "They kick him, they spit at him, they hit him and scratch him, but his only form of retaliation is a

smile."

Tscha-bum's legs may be covered with bruises, but he doesn't complain or feel sorry for himself. Frankfurt's general manager Udo Klug says: "There is no way you can stop him completely. Even the most brutal defenders haven't managed that.

## Fouls

"He is the best and most willing forward I've ever seen. The only way a defender has any chance against him is to foul him."

The player, himself, says: "The game in Korea is full of niggling fouls behind the referee's back. The Bundesliga is together, though. Everytime I get the ball I know my opponent will push or kick me. Referees usually consider this 'getting stuck in' rather than unfair."

Only once has Tscha-bum shown anger and that was after referee Herr Eschweiler said: "He can't speak German, but he can dive pretty well!" Tscha-bum still cannot comprehend what being able to speak German and diving have got to do with each other!

Football, although his livelihood, comes third in Tscha-bum's priority list; his family and his religion come before soccer.

His wife, Oh En Mi, is a trained English translator. Tscha-bum's religion is Lutheran, and he hopes to spread the word of Christianity through football. His team-mates were shocked when, before a game, he went into a prayer. "I dearly want to learn German so I can pray in that language," he says.

In Seoul, he has preached before an audience of 3,000. These days, his 'audiences' are considerably larger, although the reaction is still the same.

*Korean power... Tscha-bum tries an overhead kick against Borussia Mönchengladbach.*





# FOOTBALL

Above: Agony for Wigan defender Joe Hinanean (now Sunderland). Below: The unmistakable toothless grin of Manchester United's Joe Jordan after scoring.



# ACES



Main photo: Is the patience of referee Clive Thomas about to be exhausted? Left: The anguish of Tottenham's Terry Yorath. Above: Pleading Drew Jarvie of Scottish Champions Aberdeen.



# the GOOD and BAD

**MIKE FLANAGAN**  
(Crystal Palace)

## 'SIGNING FOR CRYSTAL PALACE'

FOR ME, the highlight of the 1979-80 season was definitely signing for Crystal Palace.

I put pen to paper on August 1st, 1979, and it was with relief. You see, I had my problems with Charlton Athletic and I was grateful to Terry Venables for taking the chance with me and I hope to pay him back in full.

Despite my injury problems, I still managed to score nine goals for them and I am sure that if I am given an injury-free run next season I can produce the goods and help the Selhurst Park club to a better position than the past campaign.

Another satisfactory point for the club was the way we consolidated our position after gaining promotion the season before.

We were never humiliated at the highest level and if we can continue that progress next season I am sure we will be pushing hard for a European place.

## 'I SHOULD HAVE SCORED MORE'

ALTHOUGH in one way nine goals in your first season in Division One can be termed quite successful, I was still disappointed I didn't manage to get my name on the scoresheet more often.

I've found the difference between the First and Second Divisions has been the standard of goalkeeping.

On many occasions I was thwarted by the excellent standard of players in goal. It's very frustrating because the chances that fall to a striker are not that many and so when you are stopped by good goalkeeping it makes it all the harder to accept.

It was a big disappointment for me to miss so much of my first season in the top Division. I spent three months out with a hamstring injury and I am now sure I rushed back too soon. I should have taken my time returning.

Instead I made a couple of comebacks and I paid the price. I'll know in future.

**BRIAN FLYNN**  
(Leeds United)



## 'EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE INVALUABLE'

I MUST admit there weren't many good times at Leeds United last season!

One of the few moments I can look back with pleasure on was playing in a European club competition for the first time in my career.

Although we did not play well in the U.E.F.A. Cup, we managed to reach the Second Round by beating Valletta of Malta before going out to Craiova of Rumania.

Nevertheless, it was invaluable experience, and I enjoyed the travelling, which is something a lot of players try to avoid.

It was encouraging to see a number of very promising youngsters making their mark.

Goalkeeper John Lukic and striker Terry Connor made a terrific impact, and towards the end of the season Martin Dixon came into the side and did well.

On the international front, I was pleased to see Mike England's appointment as Welsh team manager.

## 'WE STRUGGLED FROM THE START'

WE struggled in the League right from the start, and it was clear almost from the first few months that we didn't stand a realistic chance of qualifying for Europe again.

From then on we only had our pride to play for, especially after we were thrashed 7-0 at Arsenal in the League Cup Second Round second leg.

Even when we managed to put our game together for a sustained run, around the beginning of the New Year, luck did not seem to favour us.

I thought we might be in with a chance of a good F.A. Cup run, but we were drawn against Forest in the Third Round.

They were in brilliant form that day, probably the best they have played all season, and beat us 4-1 to end any dreams we had of compensating our fans for our League problems.



# of 1979-80

Four stars talk about the highlights and disappointments of the season.

**TERRY BUTCHER**  
(Ipswich Town)

## 'MAKING MY ENGLAND DEBUT'

I WAS very pleased with my overall form last season. Although I did go through a shaky spell when we were hammered 4-1 by Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park in September, 1979.

I was playing left-back and I had a terrible game and was threatened with being dropped from the side. But fortunately I managed to play my way out.

Undoubtedly the highlight for me was playing for the full England side.

It was a tremendous honour to be selected for Ron Greenwood's side for the international against Australia in Sydney. It was a winning debut as England won 2-1.

Without doubt the best performance by Ipswich Town was our superb display against Manchester United at Portman Road in March.

We thoroughly deserved our 6-0 victory. We also missed three penalty kicks!

## 'BEING BOTTOM OF THE TABLE'

IF we had not struggled at the start of the season, I am sure we would have pushed both Liverpool and Manchester United a lot closer in the title race.

From being bottom of the table at one stage, we hit a tremendous run and qualified for Europe by finishing third in the table.

And the U.E.F.A. Cup was another big disappointment for me and the club. After gaining a creditable 0-0 draw against Grasshoppers in Switzerland, we amazingly could only draw 1-1 at Portman Road and made a sad exit in the First Round on the away goals rule.

It wasn't our season for knock-out tournaments because we also made an unexpected exit, after being tipped as one of the F.A. Cup favourites.

We were playing well when we travelled to Everton in the Quarter-Finals, a few weeks after thrashing them 4-0 in the League and we could not stop the Goodison Park club from gaining revenge with a 2-1 win.

**ALLAN EVANS**  
(Aston Villa)



## 'SCORING TEN GOALS'

I WAS very pleased with the amount of goals I scored during 1979-80. For a centre-half my total of ten goals was satisfactory. The best of them was against the European Champions Nottingham Forest.

We were awarded a free-kick just inside the Forest half. Kenny Swain took the kick and I rose at the far post to put a firm header past Peter Shilton.

It helped Villa gain a 3-2 victory.

From a club point of view, the crop of youngsters that, due to injuries, were forced into the side and how well they played.

It augurs well for the future, and considering they were possible relegation material at the start of the season it shows Aston Villa have a bright future and could be a force to be reckoned with in 1980-81.



## 'A BROKEN NOSE ENDED MY SEASON'

MY worst moment came during our League match with Manchester United at Old Trafford on April 23rd.

I unfortunately clashed with United's Joe Jordan and the result was the end of my season with a broken nose.

I was absolutely shattered to learn the result which meant I missed the final three games of the season.

The whole club were sick we missed out on a European place last season. After struggling at the start we put together a great run of results and climbed the table.

But the turning point came when we visited West Ham in the F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals. We lost 1-0, with a last-minute penalty and we never really recovered, losing four games on the trot.

So our aim of finishing high enough in the First Division for a U.E.F.A. Cup spot just failed to materialise.

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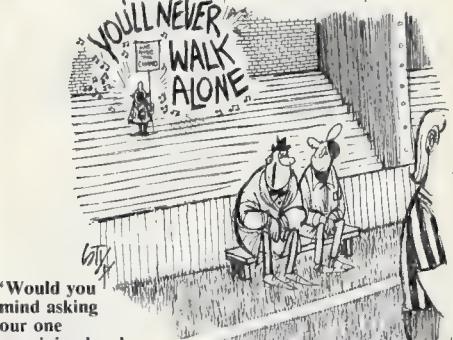
# FOOTBALL FUNNIES



'Dangerous kicking'



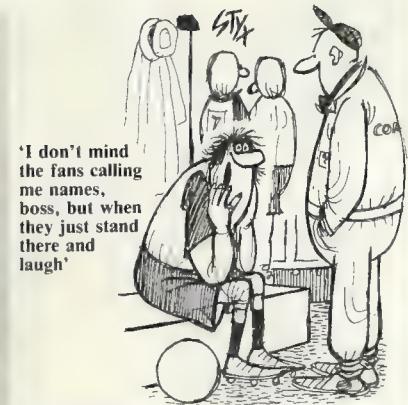
'Bit quiet this end, isn't it?'



'Would you mind asking our one remaining loyal fan to belt up'

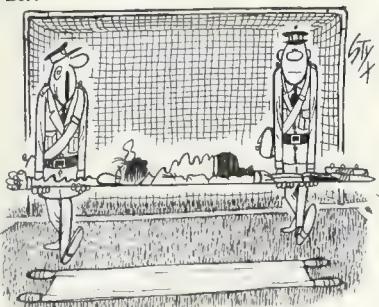


'Don't argue with me, my boy—I'm your mother, not a referee'



'I don't mind the fans calling me names, boss, but when they just stand there and laugh'

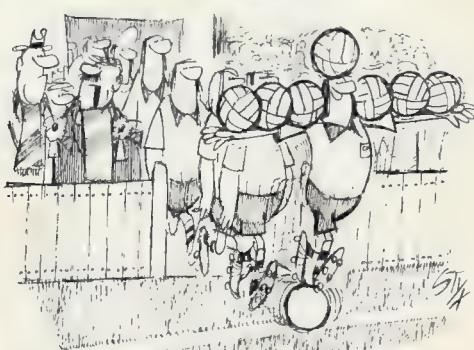
'The ground must be as hard as concrete, Bert'



'For the sake of our forwards, this is why we put a boot on the foot'



'It's amazing, boss—switch on the current and his right ear wiggles'



40 'He's heard Ron Greenwood is sitting up in the stand'



'Are you going to tell him he's just scored an own goal, or am I?'



'He sent £50 for a guaranteed system to beat the pools and they send him this notice with instructions to lay it on the table and hit it with a stick'

# Why McDermott wants to leave Liverpool

Terry McDermott has fought for everything he has achieved in football. He is the perfect example of the rags to riches fairy-tale. Or at least, he intends to be.

He is an integral part of the Anfield 'machine'. He was honoured last season by the men of his own profession, who voted him their Player of the Year.

Then he was honoured by the soccer writers when he was awarded their Footballer of the Year trophy. There is no end to it it seems, to what can still be achieved with Liverpool.

But McDermott recently made it plain that he will be leaving the club at the end of next season.

Like Keegan, like Woodcock, possibly Brady, McDermott wants to play his own particular brand of football in West Germany.

"I have to think about the future," he says frankly. "It's either West Germany or the United States. I will not be

signing another contract with Liverpool."

Now that may sound like absolute lunacy. Only Kevin Keegan has left Liverpool to go and do far better and greater things. McDermott is setting himself up to be shot at.

At Anfield he has won England caps, a prized possession. Two League Championship medals, UEFA Cup medals, European Cup medals, never an FA Cup winners medal, although he has

played in two Finals, for Newcastle against Liverpool, and with The Reds against Manchester United.

McDermott is one of the game's larger than life characters that the fans love. But his decision may indeed turn the adoring 'Kop' against him. Much in the same way as it did Keegan, and much in the same way as SV Hamburg's supporters turned once Keegan revealed he would be on the move again.

McDermott was born in the infamous Kirkby district of Liverpool, where in fact, he still lives.

His first professional club was Bury, where he made his League debut as a substitute against Stockport County in January, 1970. Two seasons later he joined Newcastle for a bargain £25,000. In November, 1974 it was back home to Liverpool in a £175,000 move.

"Liverpool were the only club I would have joined from Newcastle," says McDermott. "I was happy in the North East, and for 18 months I wanted nothing but to go back.

"Frankly, I'm lucky to be playing for Liverpool and pushing for more honours. I asked manager Bob Paisley for a transfer five times before 1977. He dropped me more than he picked me.

"We had some real up-and-downers. The boss would reason 'If you're playing well, how can we leave you out?' I was sure I was playing well.

"I stormed out of his office many times. He told me they wouldn't have bought me if they didn't think I could play. 'We want you to stay', he would say. That kept me going."

McDermott suffered no more than Ray Kennedy and David Johnson, who both were taught the Liverpool lesson.

Like most at Anfield, he lives, breathes and eats Liverpool. "I'm terrified of losing my place," he says. "I want to play in every game, even testimonials!" But McDermott knows that spirit will not pay the bills once he stops playing.

A footballing life is a relatively short one. So he is likely to be on his way to turn the fairy tale into reality at the end of next season.



Even though he intends to leave Anfield, Terry McDermott will probably still want to play for England.

# PUZZLE TIME

## SOCER HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Solve the "down" clues and the initials of your answers will spell out the name of a player who made history.

1 Endure	5 Notion	9 Tidy	13 Smile
2 Old	6 Orient	10 Title	14 Grasp
3 Employed	7 Price	11 Image	15 Declare
4 Repose	8 Vases	12 Midday	16 Average



## THE STRING OF CONSONANTS

Replace all the vowels missing from these lines to form a verse about the hero of the above puzzle.

PRMSNGRNTWNGR  
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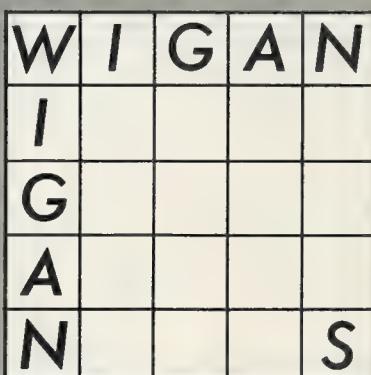
Here are the missing vowels, in sequence and all you have to do is find the right places for them!

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UAAOUEIE  
EIOOUEAOOE  
AIOEOOUEAOIE

## WIGAN WONDER

Complete this word square that reads the same across and down, by replacing the letters in this panel back in the frame:

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N S S T T



Answers on page 54

FORGET all the publicity about a newly promoted Third Division side playing in Europe next season—Newport County are there on merit.

"If opposing sides like to underestimate us, we're not going to complain. We know that we're good enough for the Cup Winners' Cup," says manager Len Ashurst.

"Swansea City's player-manager John Toshack—and he knows a bit about football in Europe!—rang me up and said 'You're there because you deserve to be. You beat two Second Division sides to win the Welsh Cup and qualify'.

"Those Second Division sides were Cardiff City and Wrexham



## Newport ARE good enough for Europe

says LEN ASHURST

me to bring experience and control to a side packed with young attacking players.

"I work at the front with John Aldridge, a lad who was working on a factory bench at Liverpool this time last year. He has terrific talent but I like to think that I've helped him by taking some of the flak and providing him with the room to use his exceptional speed.

"Then we've Kevin Moore on the wing plus Nigel Vaughan and Stephen Lowndes coming through from midfield. They all make and score goals and they've so much ability that you wonder just how far Newport will go from here. European football will bring out the best in them."

Manager Ashurst says: "If you're looking for one player to sum up the Newport County story, it has to be John Relish. Although he's only 25, he has been at Somerton Park longer than anyone else and he was on the staff when the bank was empty, the rates hadn't been paid and the water was coming through the roof.

"In those circumstances with the club on the brink of going out of business for good, a lot of players cracked. They just gave up and walked away.

"John showed the character then which has become the character of this club today: ambitious and successful. Last season he played brilliantly at full-back."

Skipper Keith Oakes, another player the target of several top clubs with his masterly defence at centre-half says: "Winning promotion for the first time in the club's history and getting into Europe has lifted everyone at Somerton Park."

### Twin-thrust

For the 30-year-old Gwyther the prospect of playing in Europe is a dream he thought beyond reach. All his career has been spent in the Third and Fourth Divisions as he played for Swansea, Halifax and Rotherham. Then he moved to Newport last season to spur the twin-thrust for European football and promotion.

"It is certainly the highlight of my career," he says. "I thought I had chances when I was in the Swansea side which won promotion from the Fourth Division in 1969-70 and I picked up a couple of Under-23 caps for Wales. But nothing really came of it and I just plodded along scoring goals."

"When I was told at Rotherham 'Newport are in for you. How do you feel about going home?', I almost broke their arm off. It was explained that the boss wanted

# SWEeper 'KEEPER CORRIGAN

There can't be any more imposing figure in English football right now than big Joe Corrigan. At 6ft 4½ins, and 15½ stone, the Manchester City goalkeeper is a mountain of a man. And last season he needed every inch and every ounce of that massive frame to help shoulder the burden of what was a nightmare season for the Maine Road club.

"Obviously, for the team as a whole, it was a very difficult time indeed," agreed Joe. "We fell away badly after Christmas, and hovered dangerously close to the relegation zone, which was worrying for everyone concerned with the club.

"But from a purely personal point of view, it was not MY most difficult campaign. That may sound strange, considering I seem to have spent more time than ever before picking the ball out of the back of the net. But despite that, at least I held down a regular first team spot, which wasn't the case earlier in my career.

"There's an old saying in soccer that goalkeepers like to be kept busy, so they don't lose concentration, which can happen in some matches. And I'd go

along with that, up to a point. But I was kept so busy in some games last season, I hardly had time to draw breath."

Yet despite all that, Joe feels that during the last year he's added a new dimension to his game...one that's helped to make him an even better 'keeper than before.

"Malcolm Allison has had me operating as a form of sweeper behind our defence," explained Joe. "It has meant I had to concentrate fully on the play, even when it's been in the opposition's half of the field. Watching for quick breakaways, where I might be called upon to come out and break up the attack, sometimes way outside my own area.

"It's not new, of course. Ray Clemence and Pat Jennings have got it off to a fine art. But it was a new challenge to me, and one I really enjoyed.

"I enjoyed the new responsibility of being club captain, too," said Joe. "Although, coming as it did in my testimonial year, where I seem to have been whizzing off to various functions here, there and everywhere, I wasn't able to spend as much time with the other players as I would have liked.

"Rightly or wrongly, I've always considered goalkeeper as being the most important position on the park. So in occupying that spot, I've played



my part."

Over the last few years, the band of Corrigan admirers has been steadily growing.

Tony Book, general-manager at City has frequently said that he feels his 'keeper is now the No. 1 in the country. But does Joe himself feel he's any nearer claiming that coveted England jersey?

"Ron Greenwood is the only person who can really answer that one," said Corrigan, diplomatically. "Although I did win another cap against Australia this summer.

"Certainly, I feel I'm good enough to be in the side. But that's not big-headedness—just professional pride. 'Clem' and Peter Shilton feel exactly the same about themselves, I'm sure. It's what the England boss would expect of us."

Does it depress him then, that despite all his efforts, and the continued praise that's heaped upon him, he's still only No. 3 in the pecking order?

"Depress isn't the right word," insisted Joe. "I sometimes feel annoyed that I had to be around at the same time as so many other fine goalkeepers. But then I get to thinking about how many other players there are who'd like to be in my shoes—instead of having to cling on to obscure ties of nationality to secure their international status—and I don't feel so bad then."

But back to City, and the 64,000 dollar question: Can the youngsters of Maine Road come back from the traumas of last season, to fulfill Malcolm Allison's dreams for the future?

"I really think they can," said Joe. "After all, we had a few good results amongst the wreckage, you know. Victories over Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Leeds, in particular, showed that there is real talent in the side."

"If we can recognise the good things, and work on the bad things, I'm sure we'll come good."



Joe's two England rivals, Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence.

# CENTRE-HALF ENGLAND'S PROBLEM POSITION?



*Ipswich Town's Terry Butcher (left) is one of the promising young centre-halves hoping to replace Dave Watson (right) in the England team.*



Over the years England have been able to boast an outstanding tradition of excellent centre-halves. Neil Franklin, Billy Wright, Maurice Norman, Jack Charlton, Brian Labone, Roy McFarland and now Dave Watson have all worn the number five shirt with distinction.

But now international boss Ron Greenwood faces an increasingly pressing problem, for the simple fact is that there is a sudden dearth of exciting young prospects to succeed Watson at the heart of the international defence.

While England have Watson and Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson available for selection, there can be few doubts that Greenwood has two of the finest central defenders in Europe. But the big Southampton stopper is the first to admit that he cannot go on forever.

By the time of the 1982 World Cup, Watson will have passed his 35th birthday. Watson himself does not subscribe to the popular belief that such an age is beyond international limits, and is aiming to retain his



place for the possible trip to Spain.

Yet even if he succeeds in defying the advancing years, Greenwood must still unearth adequate cover at centre-half, and at the moment it is difficult to point to one outstanding prospect currently making his mark in the game.

Hoddle, Robson and Reeves have all forced their way into the international reckoning in recent months, and there are a host of other young hopefuls ready to step into the breach at a moment's notice. Yet none with a realistic chance of immediate promotion to the full squad is a recognised centre-half, traditionally England's strongest position next to goalkeeper.

England 'B' team boss Bobby Robson may well hold the key to Greenwood's dilemma at Ipswich. Russell Osman and Terry Butcher have both made fine progress in recent months, while Kevin Beattie, given a free run from injuries, could yet develop into the 'new Bobby Moore' he was once proclaimed.

Yet both Beattie and Butcher had to operate at left-back to accommodate each other's presence at club level last season. Osman has proved a reliable, if unspectacular, defender, and the very fact that he has completely displaced Northern Ireland international Allan Hunter in recent seasons must serve as some estimate of his true worth.

Another highly-acclaimed youngster who could benefit from the presence of his club manager in the international set up is Crystal Palace's Billy Gilbert.

What Gilbert may lack in skill

he certainly makes up for with enthusiasm and tenacity. But at Palace the centre-half's role is occupied by Scotsman Jim Cannon, and to ask such an inexperienced youngster to suddenly alter his game at the highest level would be out of the question at present.

Manchester City's Tommy Caton could eventually prove to be the man England have been searching for. Already last season he succeeded Watson at club level, and one day could complete the succession for England.

Certainly he has gained many admirers through his remarkable progress last season, but manager Malcolm Allison's almost constant team-changes did nothing for the consistency of his side, and like every other City player, 17-year-old Tommy was understandably prone to lapses of concentration.

At times he looked bewildered and out of his depth when faced by top-class strikers and City's poor defensive record cannot be attributed entirely to the deficiencies of his team-mates.

Other leading candidates include Everton's promising but inconsistent youngsters Billy Wright and Mark Higgins. Higgins, missed the final weeks of the season with a fractured ankle, while perhaps some estimation of Wright's current international standing can be gleaned from the fact that he is forced to wear the right-back shirt for the England Under-21's in defence to Osman and Butcher.

At one time, Everton skipper Mike Lyons must have come in for serious consideration for full honours, but now must realise Greenwood will be looking for a

younger man.

Brighton manager Alan Mullery rates his own Steve Foster as second only to Watson in the centre of defence, while at Leeds Paul Hart has learnt from the experienced talents of Paul Madeley and managed to eradicate most of the rough edges from his game.

The search doesn't end in the First Division, and Greenwood must know he has to scan the field in the lower Divisions as well before he can solve his problems.

West Ham's Alvin Martin, rejected by Everton as a youngster, earned rave reviews in the club's run to last season's FA Cup Final and fringe of the Second Division promotion race.

At Watford, Steve Sims started to recapture the form which won him Under-21 team honours while with Leicester, and at Q.P.R. Bob Hazell could still come into the reckoning if he can iron the inconsistencies out of his game.

Away from the capital, Sunderland's Shaun Elliott was a key factor behind the Weariders' drive back to the First Division, and earned a call-up to the Under-21 team in the process.

Former Middlesbrough skipper Stuart Boam has done wonders at the heart of the Newcastle defence, but age will almost certainly rule him out of any future international plans, and young Mark Smith could yet develop into a natural successor to Watson if he can maintain his current form at Sheffield Wednesday.

"I am not saying that I am irreplaceable, and if ever the situation arises when I am not available for an England game, I am sure that Ron Greenwood will come up with an answer."

"The situation has occurred with other positions before. Somebody suddenly comes out of the blue and proves himself, and that is always the case at international level when adversity strikes."

Certainly it is no coincidence that Dave Watson has been the only ever-present since Greenwood took over as England manager almost three years ago.

We can only hope that his words are correct, and come the day when he can no longer rise to the international challenge, Ron Greenwood and co. will find a worthy successor in the traditional English mould.



Everton's Billy Wright (left) and Russell Osman of Ipswich (right) have both represented England at Under-21 level, and are anxious to complete the progression.



## Our Guess

Yet the very fact that the last two candidates are playing outside of the First Division must count strongly against them earning a full international call up in the immediate future.

Our guess is that Ipswich's Terry Butcher will eventually be brought through the international ranks with an eye to succeeding Watson one day, and considering that Dave Watson is the man all these young pretenders are attempting to displace from Ron Greenwood's future plans, it might be expected that his views on his successor in the number five shirt would be enlightening.

But unfortunately, he is as bewildered as the rest of the nation.

"At the moment I just can't think of anyone who is ready for immediate promotion to the senior team," he says. "I have surveyed the candidates and unfortunately cannot single out anybody to take my place in the near future."

# BRAZIL GET READY FOR '82 WORLD CUP

How do you plan to guarantee success for your country? In Brazil, the fans expect nothing less than the ultimate success . . .

Guarantee? Only God could do that. Nevertheless, there are many steps I'm taking to help Brazil. There must be much more international contact, both on and off the field. For the first time we have a full-time manager—Telê Santana—with another for our Under-21's and juniors, although Telê is in overall control. I'm also organising the appointment of delegates in all the major soccer nations. I'm arranging to have video-tapes of every major international played, plus films of selected club matches. There are other things which I can't disclose yet, as well.

The Seventies, apart from the 1970 World Cup triumph, were not good for Brazil. Why was this?

Several factors added together were responsible. The administration was too inward, too preoccupied with the Brazilian National Championship. Overseas tournaments and friendlies were ignored. There was no co-ordination between our various teams . . . juniors, Under-21's etc. I'll give you an example. Our juniors won the Panamerican Games and the same team was chosen for the Olympics. What happened? A completely different manager was chosen for the same side! It could only happen in Brazil!

What are your plans for the World Cup in Spain?

We will be playing considerably more internationals at all levels. Telê Santana will be sent to watch all the top games; for

*In 1961 Giulite Coutinho was president of the American Football Club of Rio de Janeiro. He'd just started in the family furniture business and had also installed a food canning plant. Now, his two businesses are amongst the largest in Brazil. That gives you some idea of the man; but Senhor Coutinho has a challenge ahead of him that promises to be more demanding than the commercial world. He is the new president of the Brazilian F.A. and he is expected to guide Brazil to become World Champions in 1982. Here we put him on the spot with some searching questions . . .*

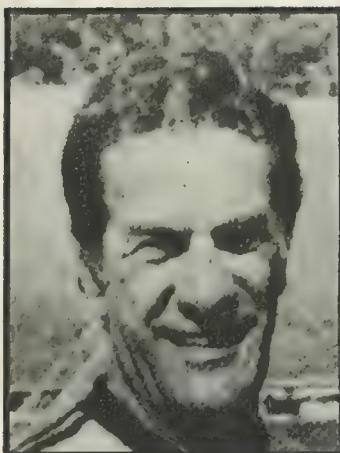
You are worried about the number of clubs games played in Brazil?

Yes. Our clubs have been playing three matches a week, with the players having just three weeks holiday a year. There was no time for coaching. New ideas had to be tried out in games, which is a hopeless situation. This has changed and the number of matches played reduced.

It seemed that Brazil could no longer find truly outstanding players . . .

No, the players were not to blame. Human material is available and always has been. The players should have played less and trained more to develop their skills. Do you know some clubs were playing as many as 110 games each year!

instance he was at Wembley for England/Argentina. Our junior side has just taken part in a competition in Toulon, France. This tournament may not mean much to the average fan, but in 1975 Argentina won it. Three years later five of their juniors squad helped them to win the World Cup. Brazil will be playing England next year as well as other major football nations. I also hope to talk to various



Manager Telê Santana.



*Giulite Coutinho (left), president of Brazilian F.A., with former coach Joao Saldanha.*

European countries with a view to exchanging referees for League games. This will be difficult, I know, but I hope something can be worked out.

There is still a big difference in the way Europeans and South Americans interpret the Laws, isn't there?

Yes, and an exchange of referees would help. I also think that showing video-tapes to our players will assist them. For instance, I heard that in a European Cup game a goalkeeper was cautioned for time-wasting after just 27 minutes. This is unheard of in Brazil and I want our players to be aware of these facts.

# A TOP TEAM FROM THE MIDLANDS

SHOOT! could quite easily pick four teams of last season from the abundance of talent in the Midlands area—and all four would be a match for the rest of the regions.

The goalkeeping spot has never been in safer hands. Take the feat of Tony Godden, who during the campaign broke the Albion record for the number of consecutive appearances.

Bargain buy Jeff Wealands of Birmingham City caught the eye with some thrilling performances. Jimmy Rimmer at Aston Villa was Mr. Consistency, as always. But for sheet completeness, then there can be few arguments. Peter Shilton is the number one.

At right-back Kenny Swain of Aston Villa, who switched to the position with stunning effect



Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans.

before and after the departure of John Gidman to Everton, must have a claim. But Viv Anderson of Nottingham Forest and Brendon Batson of West Bromwich are both in contention.

Batson is proving to be every bit as good, if not better, than his England counterpart. His coolness and natural flair have been a joy to watch. He tends to be under-rated, but not by us. So our number two is Brendon Batson of West Bromwich Albion.

At left-back Derek Statham's season was ruined through injury problems and, for this reason, it would be unfair to consider the talented Albion man.

But there is no shortage of replacements. Frank Gray of Nottingham Forest, Derek Parkin of Wolves and Bobby McDonald of Coventry City all played their parts.

But for our number three we go

to Birmingham City and teenager Mark Dennis. Blues wouldn't be the same team without him in the line up, and neither would be.

To complete the back-four Allan Evans of Aston Villa and Colin Todd of Birmingham City are the pick. Even so, it is difficult to underestimate the qualities of Albion's John Wile, George Berry at Wolves and rising star Larry May at Leicester City. But Evans, big and strong, forms the ideal combination with the elegant Todd, now settled at Blues.

In a 4-3-3 system the midfield trio of Bryan Robson, the player who can do everything, Dennis Mortimer of the forceful thrust and Gordon Cowans the delicate, skilful schemer, surely takes some beating.

Peter Daniel of Wolves had a tremendous season and could quite easily take the place of either Mortimer or Cowans. Such is the competition.

But it is in attack where the Midlands really score. Two positions are automatic choices. Those go to Trevor Francis, if fit, in a do as you please role and Forest's European Cup match-winner John Robertson, the left-winger who has no equal.

The centre-forward spot rests between Garry Birtles of Nottingham Forest and Andy Gray of Wolves. Both can score goals, but Gray, with his old fashioned bustling style, has the advantage of unsettling even the best of defensive formations. He can create havoc and, alongside Francis, provides that lethal finishing touch.

To choose a manager is not easy. Wolves under John Barnwell were a revelation. Brian



Forest's John Robertson has no equal on the left-wing.

## Our team of the Midlands

Shilton			
Batson	Evans	Todd	Dennis
Robson	Mortimer	Cowans	
Francis	Gray	Robertson	

Clough at Nottingham Forest has again proved just how good he really is and Alan Durban at Stoke has worked wonders.

At Coventry, Gordon Milne has come in for plenty of stick. Yet has filled his side with youngsters of immense promise, which can only augur well for the future fortunes of the club.

Colin Addison has to pick up



Ron Saunders (left) and Ron Atkinson.

the pieces at relegated Derby, and Ron Atkinson had an indifferent season at West Bromwich.

Jim Smith of Birmingham City and Jock Wallace of Leicester both showed shrewd judgment as they guided their teams into the First Division. Whilst Jimmy Sirrel at Notts County didn't seem to have any joy at all—especially in the home games at Meadow Lane.

Alan Buckley, the youngest of the 92, has bounced into the Third Division at Walsall with all the goal scoring flair. John McGraith, after putting the team up for sale, somehow managed to keep Port Vale out of the bottom four.

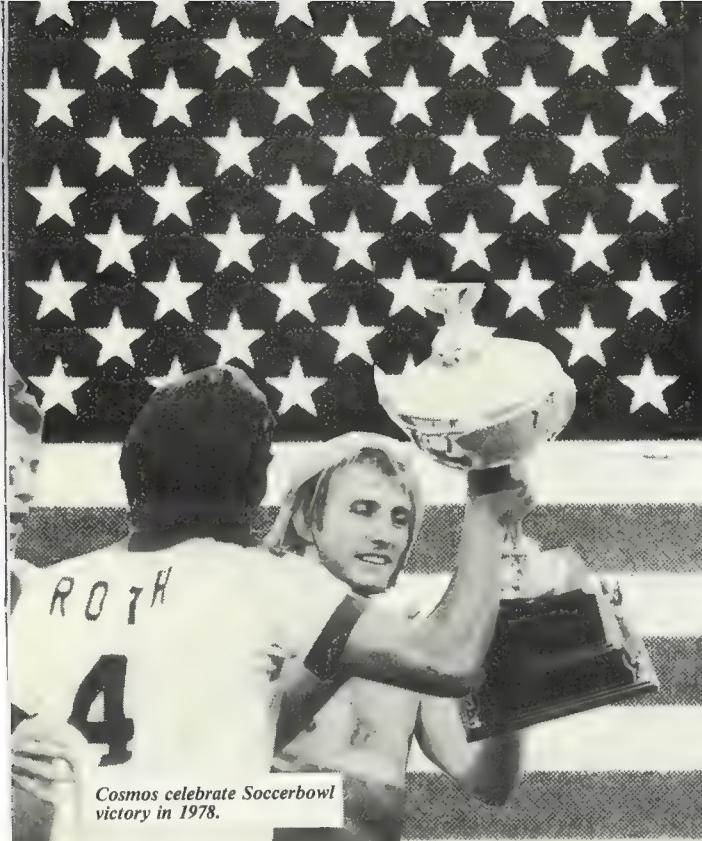
But in a world where success is vital or else, one man has stood firm. He's had to contend with a boardroom battle, yet, against all the odds, has still built a side that has taken Aston Villa into the fringe of European football.

On the field Ron Saunders hasn't won anything, but off it, he's won the admiration of football lovers everywhere.

Our choice? Ron Saunders of Aston Villa.



**BRYAN ROBSON**  
West Brom



*Cosmos celebrate Soccerbowl victory in 1978.*



*Former Norwich keeper Kevin Keelan, now a Tea Men star.*

# Is the great American boom over?

**A**t one time, the glamour, recognition and Razamataz of soccer Stateside, threatened to tempt even our top stars.

They saw so many contemporaries—even comparative unknowns over here—make their fortunes, that a great goal-drain was almost inevitable.

So the Football League stepped in, and clamped down on the loan system, that often committed players to the game for 12 months of the year.

And the North American Soccer League got wise to the few who were out there to make a fast buck.

They insisted on permanent transfers.

Arguably, those inevitable and undoubtedly sensible moves by the authorities, have made many players think again...

They don't want to commit themselves to a season in the States, if they can't be assured of their winter livelihood over here.

And it can't be easy to make the move, when they hear fellow professionals vow, contradictly: "Never again," or "I'd go back tomorrow . . ."

Norwich City's veteran goalkeeper Kevin Keelan has returned to the States, convinced the game there will continue to prosper.

"The way of life over there is superior in every respect,"



*The lovely Tampa Bay "Wowdies".*

enthuses Keelan, who's joined New England Teaman, "and players are working harder to make the game a success.

"It has an obvious appeal to players like myself with years of League experience, who want a fresh challenge, and those up-and-coming youngsters, who want to establish themselves in the League game.

"Yet initially, I think it was very different. A lot of players went there to earn a lot of money—and for little or no return.

"But the Americans quickly realised what was happening, and they now expect players to go and do as good a job as they would for any League club."

Coventry City's Steve Hunt doesn't share Keelan's

enthusiasm.

After a disappointing time trying to make it with Aston Villa, he joined Cosmos—and became an overnight sensation, in a team boasting World stars like Beckenbauer and Pele.

And yet Hunt admits: "I couldn't tell you how happy I was to be offered the chance to have another go at Coventry."

Hunt, who joined Cosmos for £30,000, had two years in the States—but would have willingly returned home after a few weeks.

"Away trips were the worst part. You could be away from home for days, and you can't begin to understand the distances travelled, or the problems of time-change, unless you've been there."

"And American fans still don't understand the game. Anything that goes on in midfield is boring. They want action. And goals."

So Hunt came back—to establish himself as a key-member of Coventry City's first-team squad.

And his scepticism about the game States-side is shared by several other players, who have returned home dismayed and disappointed.

Even Keelan admits: "Yes, players have got to be careful. They have to be wary of the small-print in contracts."

"If that is included, clubs can transfer a player anywhere, even in mid-season—and even if he's perfectly happy to stay put."

"But for all the uncertainty, I don't think too many players would turn-down the chance of going West."

"The European influence has given the game in the States credibility, and a professionalism that's no different to that over here."

"And it can only get better."

# CUP



Dundee United's Paul Hegarty with the Scottish League Cup after their 3-0 replay victory over Aberdeen.

George McCluskey celebrates after scoring Celtic's extra-time Scottish Cup winner (below) against Rangers.



# WINNERS 1980

Jubilant West Ham after beating Arsenal 1-0 in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.



Andy Gray slots home the League Cup winner for Wolves against Forest at Wembley last March.

Nottingham Forest skipper John McGovern with the European Cup. Forest beat Hamburger SV to retain the trophy for the second season in succession.



# PORTUGAL

This year celebrates the 50th anniversary of the World Cup. The first tournament took place in Uruguay back in 1930 and since then the competition has grown from a modest start to become football's central show piece and has produced some of the greatest teams ever seen.

The magical Brazilians of 1970 spring to mind, but how would they have compared with the legendary Hungarians who were so surprisingly defeated in 1954, or the West German collection of super stars who won the trophy in 1974?

Such a question could keep football fans arguing for hours, but of course the World Cup is not only a tournament for superteams, and since 1930 nations as unlikely as Haiti, Zaire and the Dutch West Indies have had the opportunity to take on the West Germans and Brazilians of the world.

The table opposite compares the record of each of the 48 nations to have reached the final stages of the World Cup since the competition began 50 years ago. It lists results up to and including Argentina, 1978.

## MOST SUCCESSFUL WORLD CUP SIDE!

Surprisingly it is Portugal who top the table thanks to the performance of Eusebio and the 1966 team which took third place that year. However really it must be Brazil in second place who deserve most praise. They have played in all 11 tournaments, won the trophy three times and scored an incredible 119 goals in 52 games.

West Germany, as might be expected, take third place but Poland who have never reached the Final edge out twice Champions Italy for fourth spot. Of the six teams to win the Cup England, in 11th place, are the lowest ranked.

Scotland's dismal record shows that they have won just two of their 11 games. Even this however might be envied by Bulgaria who, despite reaching four Final tournaments have still to win a match at that level of the competition.

In contrast the highest ranked of the minor footballing nations are Cuba and Tunisia, each with a win and a draw from their three games. Tunisia's performance in beating Mexico and drawing with West Germany in 1978 is particularly commendable.

Pele opens the scoring for Brazil against Italy in the 1970 World Cup Final in Mexico. They won 4-1 to capture the Jules Rimet trophy for the third time.



Eusebio heads past Brazil keeper Manga to score. Portugal's second goal in their 1966 World Cup-tie at Goodison Park.

## 50 YEARS OF WORLD CUP

	First tournament tournaments played in	Final	Matches P. W. D. L.	Goals F. A.	Success Rate	Best Results in tournament	
Portugal	1966	1	6 5 0 1	17 8	83.3%	3rd in 1966	
Brazil	1930	11	52 33 10 9	119 56	73.0%	Winners in 1958, 1962 and 1970	
West Germany	1954	7	41 25 8 8	96 55	70.7%	Winners in 1954 and 1974	
Poland	1938	3	14 9 1 4	27 17	67.8%	3rd in 1974	
Italy	1934	9	36 20 6 10	62 40	63.8%	Winners in 1934 and 1938	
Russia	1958	4	19 10 3 6	30 21	60.5%	4th in 1966	
Holland	1934	4	16 8 3 5	32 19	59.3%	Runners up in 1974 and 1978	
Germany*	1934	2	6 3 1 2	14 13	58.3%	3rd in 1934	
Argentina	1930	7	29 14 5 10	55 43	56.8%	Winners in 1978	
Uruguay	1930	7	29 14 5 10	57 39	56.8%	Winners in 1930 and 1950	
England	1950	6	24 10 6 8	34 28	54.1%	Winners in 1966	
Hungary	1934	7	26 13 2 11	73 42	53.8%	Runners up in 1954	
Austria	1934	4	18 9 1 8	33 36	52.7%	3rd in 1954	
Cuba	1938	1	3 1 1 1	5 12	50.0%		
East Germany	1974	1	6 2 2 2	5 5	50.0%	Second Round group 1974	
Northern Ireland	1958	1	5 2 1 2	6 10	50.0%	Quarter-Finals 1958	
Sweden	1934	7	28 11 6 11	48 46	50.0%	Runners up 1958	
Tunisia	1978	1	3 1 1 1	3 2	50.0%		
Wales	1958	1	5 1 3 1	4 4	50.0%	Quarter-Finals 1950	
Yugoslavia	1930	6	25 10 5 10	45 34	50.0%	4th in 1952	
Chile	1930	5	18 7 3 8	23 24	47.2%	3rd in 1962	
Spain	1934	5	18 7 3 8	22 25	47.2%	4th in 1950	
Czechoslovakia	1934	6	22 8 3 11	32 36	43.1%	Runners up 1934 and 1962	
Paraguay	1930	3	7 2 2 3	12 19	42.8%		
U.S.A.	1930	3	7 3 0 4	12 21	42.8%	Semi-Finals 1930	
France	1930	7	20 8 1 11	43 38	42.5%	3rd 1958	
North Korea	1966	1	4 1 1 2	5 9	37.5%	Quarter-Finals 1966	
Peru	1930	3	12 4 1 7	17 25	37.5%	Quarter-Finals 1970, Second Round group 1978	
Scotland	1954	4	11 2 4 5	12 21	36.3%		
Israel	1970	1	3 0 2 1	1 3	33.3%		
Switzerland	1934	6	18 5 2 11	28 44	33.3%	Quarter-Finals 1954	
Turkey	1954	1	3 1 0 2	10 11	33.3%		
Rumania	1930	4	8 2 1 5	12 17	31.2%	Semi-Final 1930	
Mexico	1930	8	24 3 5 16	20 59	22.9%	Quarter-Finals 1970	
Australia	1974	1	3 0 1 2	0 5	16.6%		
Bulgaria	1962	4	12 0 4 8	9 29	16.6%		
Colombia	1962	1	3 0 1 2	5 11	16.6%		
Iran	1978	1	3 0 1 2	2 8	16.6%		
Morocco	1970	1	3 0 1 2	2 6	16.6%		
Belgium	1930	4	7 1 0 6	7 17	14.2%		
Bolivia	1930	2	3 0 0 3	0 16	—		
Dutch East Indies	1938	1	1 0 0 3	0 6	—		
El Salvador	1970	1	3 0 0 3	0 9	—		
Egypt	1934	1	1 0 0 1	2 4	—		
Haiti	1974	1	3 0 0 3	2 14	—		
Norway	1938	1	1 0 0 1	1 2	—		
Zaire	1974	1	3 0 0 3	0 14	—		
South Korea	1954	1	2 0 0 2	0 16	—		

\*West Germany and East Germany competed as one nation before the 1950 World Cup



West Germany skipper Franz Beckenbauer with the 1974 trophy.

# SPECIAL QUIZ

- Alan Ball was appointed manager of which Third Division side during last season?
- Aberdeen's Premier Division Championship triumph of 1979-80, was the first time a club outside of the Old Firm of Rangers and Celtic had won that since Kilmarnock did it in 1964-65, 1965-66 or 1966-67 in the old First Division?
- Can you name the two clubs involved in Steve Archibald's £800,000 transfer during the close season?
- Prior to the British Championship Billy Bingham and Mike England were appointed managers of which countries?
- Arsenal's defeat by Valencia of Spain in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final was the first or second time a major European club trophy had been decided on penalties?
- Celtic clinched the 1980 Scottish Cup Final when they beat Rangers 1-0 with a goal from George McCluskey in the first or second period of extra-time at Hampden Park?
- Northern Ireland topped the 1980 British Championship table for the first time since 1912-13, 1913-14, or 1914-15 with a total of four, five or six points?
- Which country finished with the wooden spoon by finishing bottom of the table?
- Who was voted (a) the Football Writers' Footballer of the Year and (b) the Scottish Writers' Footballer of the Year?
- Can you name the three countries in the same group as England during the 1980 European Championship Finals?

Can you spot Wolves' League Cup Final skipper?



## GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

**ACROSS:** (1) Darlington. (9) Are. (10) Role. (11) On. (13) Len. (14) Iron. (15) To. (16) Gates. (17) At. (18) Timid. (20) Do (Doncaster). (22) Asp. (23) St. (25) Sky. (26) Sigh. (28) Harm. (30) Row. (32) He. (33) Loan. (34) Final. (36) Alan. (38) Camp. (39) Tight.

**DOWN:** (1) Dalglish. (2) Area. (3) Rented. (4) Irish. (5) Nor. (6) Gloats. (7) Ten. (8) Nottingham. (12) No. (17) Am. (19) Ipswich. (21) Osman. (22) Ayr. (24) Tall. (27) Helps. (29) Road. (31) Of. (35) Nat (Loftus). (36) As. (37) Di.

Jumbled Name: PHIL THOMPSON.



George McCluskey  
is featured in  
Question 6.

11. Who skippered Wolves to their League Final victory against Nottingham Forest at Wembley?

12. Which two strikers finished last season as joint top goal-scorers in the First Division with 26 goals in all competitions?

13. Which club finished bottom of the Fourth Division last season with 27 League points and were forced to apply for re-election?

14. West Ham's Trevor Brooking scored the only goal of the 1980 F.A. Cup Final with a close-range header. Did the England midfield star turn in a shot from Stuart Pearson or David Cross past Arsenal keeper Pat Jennings?

15. Newcastle United transferred Peter Withe to which First Division club for £500,000 during the last close-season?

## ANSWERS

- Blackpool. 2 1964-65. 3. From Aberdeen. 4. Birmingham (Wales). 5. First Second. 6. Second. 7. 1931-34 with five points. 8. Scotland. 9. (a) Terry McDermott (Liverpool). (b) Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen). 10. Belgium. 11. Terry and Spain. 12. Evelyn Hughes (seen left). 13. Rochdale and Southport's Phil Boyer. 14. Pearson. 15. Aston Villa.

## Computer

### Puzzle

Answers:

- 1977 and 1980.
- Hull.
- Pancho.
- Fifteen.
- Knee.
- One.

## PUZZLE TIME ANSWERS

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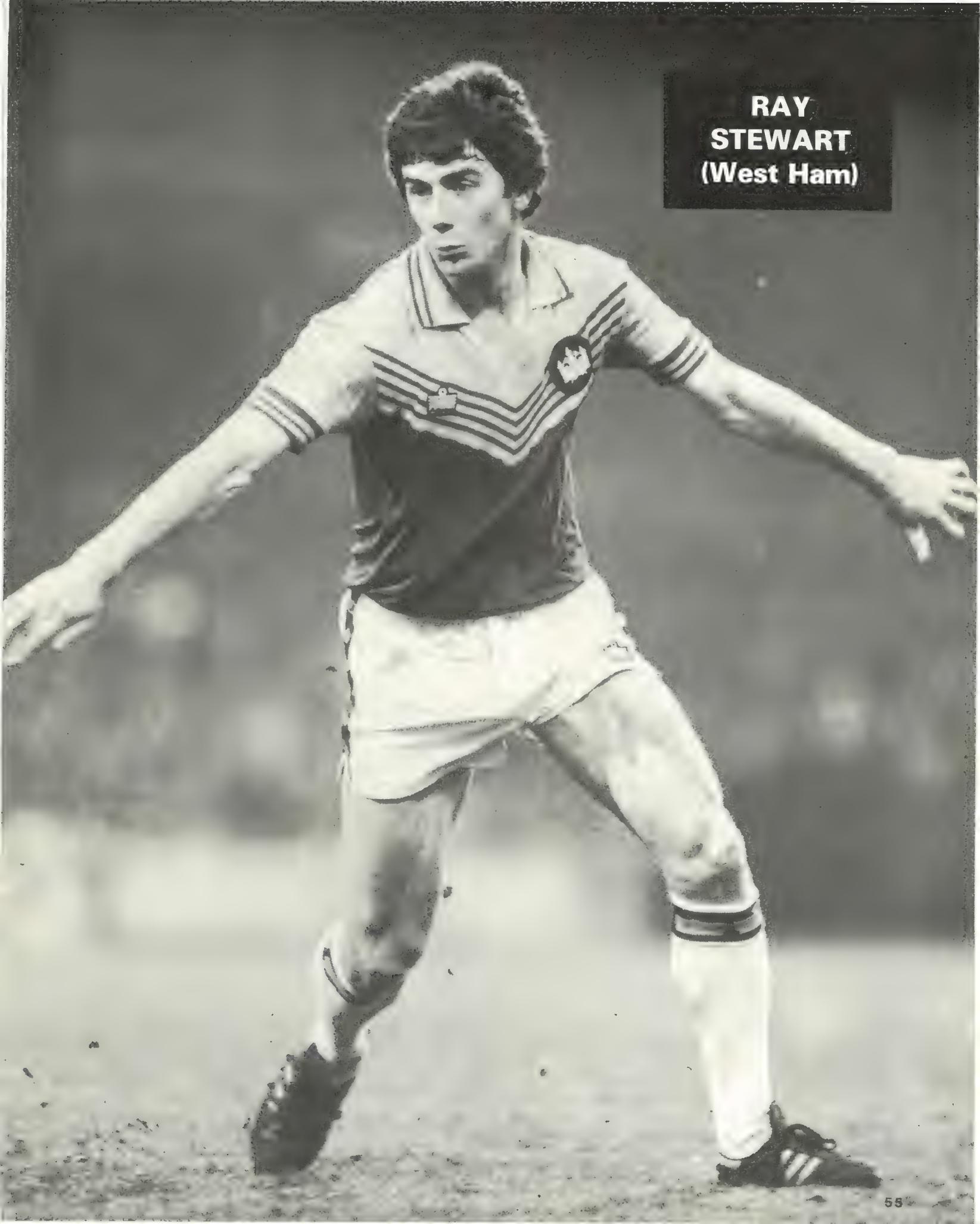
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For whom Bromwich paid a large  
fee,  
With Real Madrid is now scoring,  
But always to us he will be  
The first coloured chap to whom  
England  
Said "Come on, you're playing for  
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The player: LAURIE CUNNINGHAM.

#### WIGAN WONDER:

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**RAY  
STEWART  
(West Ham)**

John Wark, the Ipswich Town and Scotland midfielder, has played against both Kevin Keegan and Diego Maradona, the two main attractions in last season's prestige England/Argentina friendly. Before the game, Wark assessed the two players and decided . .

# KEEGAN IS BETTER THAN MARADONA ... JUST!

## CONTROL

No doubt about it—Maradona takes round one thanks to his natural skills. He is able to accept the ball quickly, control it and set off on a run before an opponent can make a challenge. He plays lots of one-two's and, like most foreign stars, seems to be able to control the ball with minimum effort. Keegan has had to improve his control in an effort to overcome the man for man marking in Germany, but I'm afraid he has a long way to go before he can catch up with Maradona.

## SPEED

Difficult to separate the two players here, so I'm going for a draw. Maradona was brilliant against Scotland when he was running with the ball—I was one of several players who found it difficult to tackle him—but I'm not so sure about him making runs off the ball into good positions. Both players are very sharp, so I'm declaring this one to be a dead heat.

## SHOOTING

I'm not sure that either of them are particularly strong in this department, both relying more on skill rather than strength to beat opposition goalkeepers. I think Keegan is probably fractionally better and I can recall several goals he has scored to illustrate this. The only time I've seen Maradona find the net was at Hampden last year when he completely fooled everyone in the ground. He had the ball to the right of the goal and just as we all expected a cross into the middle he screwed his shot with the outside of his foot just inside the near post.

*John tries to halt Maradona during the Scotland/Argentina game last June.*

## PASSING

If there is a weakness in Keegan's game it might possibly be his passing, but as a striker I don't suppose it's too important a part of his game. Maradona isn't the type to split defences with one good pass either, but I would say he is more accurate although he tends to favour a close passing style, preferring to beat an opponent by using a colleague for a wall pass. So I give this round to the Argentine.

## ABILITY TO LOSE MARKER

This is probably both Keegan and Maradona's strongest asset. I can vouch for the fact that it is difficult to play against them because you are always in two minds—should you go tight against him or stand off and give yourself that extra few inches if he tries to turn you? Either way they both seem able to cope, but my vote would go to Keegan because he's done it all over the world for a number of years, whereas Maradona is still a teenager and still learning to



handle the tight marking.

## TEMPERAMENT

It's Keegan again for the simple reason that there is always a question mark against the temperament of South American stars. My limited experience of playing against Maradona didn't tell me a lot about his temperament, but I would imagine Keegan could take a lot more punishment before reacting. Keegan knows what it is like to be a marked man, but one of his biggest assets is that he is able to always bounce back and let his football do his talking for him. Maradona, I feel, could crack quite easily if he came in for some rough treatment from an opponent.

## HEADING

I don't recall Maradona heading the ball once at



*"Kevin jumps well from a standing position and can cause problems for even the tallest defenders," says Wark.*

Hampden last year so I must give it to Keegan who has proved his heading ability time after time. He isn't very tall but a fair proportion of his goals come from headers, a lot of them when he shows his bravery and dives in where defenders' boots are flying. He jumps well from a standing position, his excellent timing can cause problems in the air for even the tallest defenders. This round to Keegan with plenty to spare.

## GOALSCORING ABILITY

I go for Keegan again because he has been scoring goals at the very highest level for club and country over a long period of time. I would always back him to score more goals in a season than Maradona because he seems that bit hungrier. He likes to run at defenders with the ball, he's not afraid of going in where it hurts and he has a natural eye for a goal. Maradona makes goals for others and is capable of scoring them himself, but not on the same level as Keegan.

## Dribbling

I must go for Maradona in this round because he is able to use his incredible natural skills to dribble past opponents. He's a real artist, typical of so many foreign stars whose control and ability on the ball could almost earn them a place in a circus. Keegan relies more on speed as a more direct player but dribbling is a specialised art that Maradona mastered at a very early age.

## CONTRIBUTION TO TEAM

Very, very close, but on the evidence of what I've seen I would go for Maradona by the most slender of margins. Both make a considerable contribution to any team in which they play because they are both such fine players. Keegan has often been the difference between England, say, winning instead of drawing because he has that little bit more to offer. But when I played against Argentina everything seemed to revolve around Maradona—he was all over the field, getting involved in two or three passing movements and then popping up to lay on a scoring chance for a forward. So I go for Maradona.

## SUMMING-UP

No chance of a knockout win with two such evenly matched contestants. I've given Keegan five rounds, Maradona four and one drawn so you can't get much closer than that. Keegan is braver and has a lot more aggression alongside his skill but this is no doubt necessary in Europe. Maradona is a typical South American. I can still hardly believe he was only 18 when I played against him last year and if he can keep progressing it is frightening to think how good he could become.



**MIKE  
LYONS  
Everton**

# Testing time for Hibs

THE next two seasons will be most important in the 105-year history of Hibs, once one of the mightiest teams in Scotland.

Easter Road rocked on its foundations last season as one shock after another bombarded the bewildered Hibs fans as they saw their favourites take a kamikaze course in soccer suicide.

The team that had reached the Scottish Cup Final at the end of the previous season and were so unlucky to lose out to Rangers after three marathon games promised so much, but offered too little at the end of the day.

In arguably the most sensational transfer swoop in Scottish history the troubled Edinburgh side bought George Best from Fulham for £60,000 and millionaire chairman Tom Hart paid him £3,000, per game out of his own pocket.

However, the presence and inspiration of the one-time Manchester United wizard failed to keep Hibs in the so-competitive Premier Division and worse was to follow for manager Eddie Turnbull when the side were annihilated 5-0 by Celtic in the Scottish Cup Semi-Final.

Three days after that flop Turnbull left the club... sacked by Tom Hart, the man he still says is one of his best friends.

That decision shocked football, but the next move 24 hours later was just as dramatic and unexpected. Willie Ormond, fired by city rivals Hearts only three months beforehand, was then given a two-year contract to help point the way in the future!

If it is possible to outline anything at Easter Road these

days it seems likely that Ormond will hand over the reins of the club to coach Peter Cormack at the end of his contract for the former Liverpool player to carry on.

The next two years however, are absolutely crucial for Hibs. First Division soccer will not appeal to a club who have always believed in travelling with the top flight.

Ormond is frank and blunt about his role. "I don't see the forthcoming season as a straight-back-to-the-Premier-Division situation," he says.

"There's a lot of work to be done with the side. There will need to be sweeping changes at the club.

"Any player who is not prepared to give his all for Hibs can pack his bags and get out. There is no room for hangers on at Easter Road."

Ormond feels he owes a debt to Hibs after his sensational sacking from Hearts during the season while the Tynecastle side were sitting at the top of the First Division! Hibs gave him a job then as assistant to Eddie Turnbull, his former Hibs team-mate of the Fifties.

Hibs have wandered around in a maze of mistakes in recent seasons. Hardly a day has gone by without something unusual happening around Easter Road and Ormond knows this will have to come to a halt.

He is looking for a team of dedicated professionals willing to give 100 per cent effort in the cause of Hibs and he will not tolerate anything less.

Two years from now we will see if he has achieved his aims...



Celebrating First Division title victory.

## YO-YO HEARTS

THE new season will once again separate the men from the boys in Scotland's ten-team Premier Division and for Hearts it will be the moment of truth.

Hearts are in a situation at the moment that is distinctly uncomfortable. They appear to be too good for the First Division... and not good enough for the Premier!

In the past four years they have been relegated from the Top Ten twice and last season they won their way back out of the First Division for yet another crack at the Premier survival race.

"It's going to be tough," says manager Bobby Moncur. "There is no margin for error in such a small League and my lads know they will have to be at their sharpest in every game. It's as simple as that."

Former Newcastle and Sunderland captain Moncur left Third Division Carlisle for Hearts last term and said within days of crossing the border: "The team I have just moved from are better than this current side."

It was a typical straightforward shooting-from-the-hip remark from Moncur that has so impressed the critics since the ex-international's arrival in Scotland.

He was walking into the unknown because he had been away from Scotland for so long, but he says: "I've kept in touch with the game North of the border and have talked things over with my contacts."

Moncur got a preview of what soccer will be like in the Top Ten when Hearts were drawn to play Rangers in a Scottish Cup-tie at Ibrox. The Edinburgh men actually took the lead in the second minute through a remarkable own goal from Tom Forsyth, but after that the game became one prolonged nightmare.

They were steamrollered out of sight as the Rangers attack crammed six goals past overworked John Brough in the Hearts goal and, without argument or doubt, it could have been even more.

Moncur must have winced every time Rangers crossed the halfway line in that particular



Manager Bobby Moncur.

afternoon of torment and torture and afterwards his only remark was: "Well, what can you say after a defeat like that? The scoreline tells the whole story..."

That must have been a cruel and devastating 90 minutes for no-nonsense Moncur to endure, but he is a great believer in extracting some good from the bad and knowledge picked up against Rangers will be put to a good use in the future.

Hearts have as much chance of winning a major honour in the new season as Morocco have of winning the World Cup in some future years. They must realise that consolidation is their prime target this term and they can build on that foundation for coming years.

One player puts it this way: "We are going into the Premier Division and a lot of people are saying we won't last the pace even before a ball is kicked in anger. Obviously that is unfair.

"If we get a bit of luck at the start and are given the opportunity to settle down then we could surprise a few of our critics."

The Premier Division, however, has no time for sentiment. It accepts nothing but the best and rejects the rest without argument.

This is the crunch for Hearts and they know it. Next season will prove once and for all if they are to be counted among the big boys in Scottish soccer.

It's a daunting task...

# AT HOME WITH ANDY GRAY

It was quite a season for the Wolves and Scotland striker. Apart from his success on the field—which includes scoring the winning goal in the League Cup Final and netting on his return to the international scene—Andy was married just before Christmas. He and Vanessa (and the Old English Sheepdog, Ben)

live in a lovely cottage just outside Wolverhampton. He is the proud owner of a Panther, even if he hasn't had many opportunities to drive with the hood down! On the field Andy is all-action . . . at home, he prefers the quieter life.



# GREAT

Left: Chelsea's Petar Barota goes full length to tip over this shot from West Ham's David Cross (not in picture).

Right: St. Mirren's Billy Thompson makes a great save from Rangers striker Derek Johnstone.

Below: Southampton's Peter Wells prevents Derby from scoring at the Baseball Ground.

Bottom of page: Ipswich 'keeper Paul Cooper pushes away a thunderbolt from Everton's Mick Lyons (left).



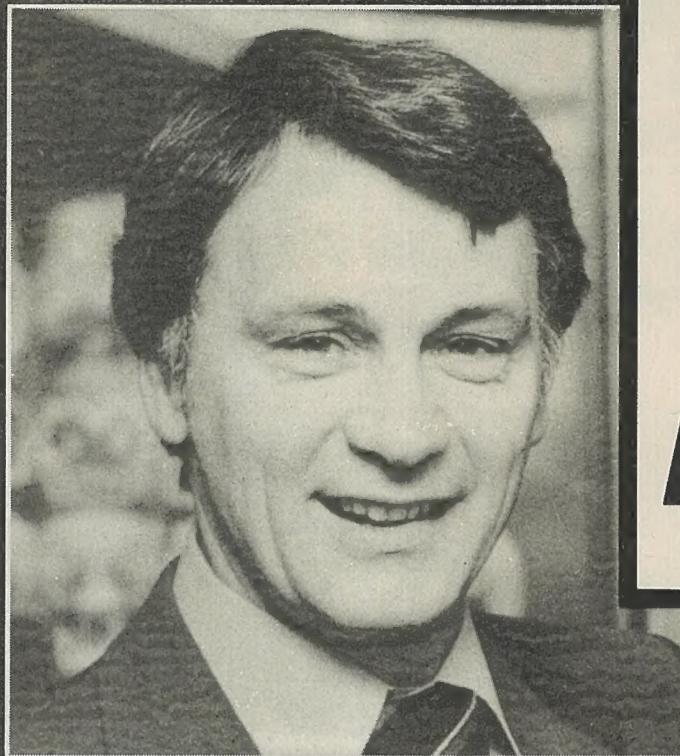
# SAVES OF THE SEASON



Right: Manchester United's brilliant England Under-21 star Gary Bailey makes a brave save against Manchester City.  
Below: Keith Rafferty (Crewe) dives at the feet of Mickey French (Aldershot).



STRAYE SERVICE



# 'Champions Ipswich next season'

claims manager BOBBY ROBSON

While the bookmakers understandably will find it difficult to look further than holders Liverpool to land the League Championship again next season those who study form will have a flutter on their own particular favourites.

Only a final-day-of-the-season defeat at Maine Road prevented Ipswich completing the League programme with a 24-game unbeaten record. It was a run that had started in December with a 4-0 win over Manchester City and, ironically, ended with defeat by the same opponents.

But in between these two clashes with City the Suffolk club did enough to show that they have enough class, character and consistency to join the challengers who want to knock Liverpool off their throne next term.

Ipswich were seven points behind Bob Paisley's Champions at the end of the day—but when you consider they entered November as the First Division's bottom side it puts their long run over the remainder of the season into perspective.

"There was talk of relegation and we lost five games on the trot for the first time in my 11 years at the club," recalls manager Bobby Robson, "but not once did anyone connected with the club ever panic."

"We always believed we could not only play ourselves out of trouble but go on to finish near the top of the table. I must admit, however, that a place in Europe was beyond our wildest dreams."

Ipswich march into European football next season for the seventh time in eight years, a record to illustrate their consistency. But it is the domestic title race that presents the greater challenge to the modest but efficient Portman Road outfit.

Robson admits: "The League is the one we want to win and, without getting carried away, we must have a chance. I believe we have the best side in my spell in charge and the way we sprinted

through the second half of last season gives us all confidence.

"But the real test is whether or not we can keep it going for twice as long. Let's face it, had we started the way we finished we would have won the title. But we didn't—in fact we only managed seven points from our first 12 games.

"Winning the title is about winning the games you should win, not slipping up when you shouldn't and having the character to weather the storms that are part and parcel of the English scene. Teams that win the League can absorb the pressure and bounce back—that's what keeps them in front.

The news that Dutch midfield star Arnold Muhren was happy to stay at Ipswich for a further two

Brilliant Dutchman Arnold Muhren turned down a good offer from Bruges to stay at Portman Road.



Alan Brazil (left) came into the Scotland reckoning.



Eric Gates was the striking revelation of the season.

years gave Robson a boost. "It means we go into the new season with the same players and one of the main reasons Arnold is staying is that he believes we have a real chance of the Championship," he says.

"Arnold had a good offer to join Bruges and while we have given him a rise it still doesn't compare with the money he could have earned in Belgium. He's staying because the prospects are good and he's right.

"We've been in this position before, of course, and I can't make any wild promises. All I can say is that we have a good staff who have proved they can do it at the highest level and that's a good start."

The introduction of Muhren and his Dutch partner Frans Thijssen, together with several youngsters, has helped to reshape an Ipswich side that reached its peak with success in the F.A. Cup Final two years ago when they won the trophy for the first time.

Brian Talbot has kept the F.A. Cup habit going at Arsenal, central defenders Allan Hunter and Kevin Beattie have missed more games than they have played through injury, David Geddis and Clive Woods have moved to Aston Villa and Norwich respectively and goal hero Roger Osborne, almost permanent reserve since that great day at Wembley, is available for transfer.

But the Ipswich habit of finding the answer on their own doorstep continues and thanks to the success of their youth policy Bobby Robson makes fewer entries into the spiralling transfer market than any of his counterparts.

Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, both 21, look so settled at the heart of the Ipswich defence that they have both earned England 'B' recognition

and could be permanent fixtures for another ten years: Alan Brazil came from the reserves to the Scotland squad in half a season; and little Eric Gates emerged as a little striker specialising in glorious goals.

Add England pair Mick Mills and Paul Mariner, Scots George Burley and John Wark and goalkeeper Paul Cooper, with an astonishing penalty record of eight saves out of the last ten kicks he has had to face, and it's a squad packed with talent.

Little wonder, then, that Bobby Robson had told his players: "We must stick together, make a good start and then keep it going right to the end. We've proved we can do it for half a season and if we start next season the way we finished last then we must have a chance."

## Suffered

He adds: "There are so many factors that play a part— Injuries, loss of form and that nasty habit of making errors in defence. We've suffered all three in recent years and the players know that we must change.

"During that good run through the last five months of last season we showed a lot of Liverpool-style character in wearing down the opposition, almost sending them to sleep. We were organised, we buried our chances and we gave very little away.

"Luck also plays a part—only a minor one—but at the end of the day the Championship goes to the team that can prove its worth in all types of conditions over nine hard months. It takes a good team—and we think we've got one good enough at Ipswich!"



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Old Firm action ... Celtic's Davie Provan is challenged by Rangers' Colin Jackson as he prepares to centre the ball.